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PT still mandatory for those on profile

There are only a few reasons an Airmen can be exempt

By 2nd Lt. Ashley Conner
22nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. -- Many Airmen believe being on profile is an escape route from

participating in unit physical training, but officials here said it is not.

"Just because a (person) has a profile that says 'no running, jumping, crunches, push-ups, and no cycle ergo' does not mean that the (Airman) cannot go to the fitness center and participate in unit fitness," said Lt. Col. Kathleen Ankers, 22nd Medical Group's medical staff chief.

There are only a few reasons an

Airmen can be exempt from unit fitness, which include being hospitalized, being closely medically supervised during convalescence from a very serious illness and being on medically prescribed bed rest, officials said.

Though a person may not be able to participate fully in all the unit's specific exercises, he or she will need to participate in an individual exercise program.

Health and wellness center officials can tailor individual exercise routines to meet the person's needs and limitations.

"We conduct a one-on-one interview with (Airmen) to determine (their) limitations unique to them, such as high blood pressure, pregnancy or injuries," said Bart Patterson, a health technician at the center here.

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Courtesy photo

General Lance W. Lord, Commander of Air Force Space Command, speaks at the Space Symposium that took place April 4-7.

U.S. must continually work to maintain lead in space

By Tech. Sgt. James Rush
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The space industry's key players loudly applauded a speech on maintaining the United States' lead in space presented by the commander of Air Force Space Command at the National Space Symposium's Corporate Partner Dinner at the Broadmoor Hotel April 5.

General Lance W. Lord addressed an audience of more than 900 people comprised prima-

rily of corporate officers from the command's industry partners on day two of the week-long conference. He emphasized teamwork and accountability as keys to sustaining the nation's edge in space. The symposium is one of the largest gatherings of military and corporate space professionals in the country.

Citing the NCAA men's basketball national championship game, General Lord pointed out how even a large advantage can be threatened. Eventual winner North Carolina saw a 15-point

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OPM helping to extend hiring preference to more veterans

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. Office of Personnel Management officials are working to make veterans' preference for federal jobs available to more veterans. One initiative is a new revised application that allows federal agencies to accept veterans' disability letters.

The revised application is being posted on OPM's Web site so agencies immediately can accept Veterans Affairs letters of disability, officials said. Agencies, OPM examining offices and agency appointing officials use the online application to evaluate claims for veterans' preference on applications for government jobs.

The new revisions to the veterans' preference form bring it in line with VA policy, which generally considers disability letters issued since 1991 as proof of a permanent disability.

To further encourage veterans into the federal system, OPM officials also are continuing the veterans' invitational program, visiting military bases and medical centers to explain veterans' preference and outline the procedures for applying for federal jobs.

Upcoming visits are planned for Cherry Point, N.C.; Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Bolling Air Force Base, Washington.; Fort Sam Houston and Fort Bliss, Texas; and Fort Lee, Va., officials said.

The initiatives reflect OPM's "strong emphasis on the rights of veterans, including employment opportunities," said Dan G. Blair, OPM acting director.

"We must ensure those who are eligible for veterans' preference receive the benefits to which they are

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Acting Director
Dan G. Blair

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Commander reflects on reasons for joining the Air Force

By Lt. Col. Alan Webster

21st Logistics Readiness Squadron

Why did you join the Air Force? Why do you stay in the Air Force?

There are probably almost as many varied answers to the first question as there are people in the Air Force.

However, our reasons usually have something to do with personal benefit. My reason certainly did. I had recently quit my civilian job over an integrity issue; the company I was working for didn't have any integrity. However, I was recently married and had just bought a new car so financial issues were my greatest concern.

I needed a job.

A few years before I had told a good friend that I would never join the military. Amazing how circumstances can change our perspective.

The reasons that we stay in the Air Force are generally a little bit different though.

It could be for the garden spot assignments, such as Thule Air Base, Greenland, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., Grand Forks AFB, N.D., and Minot AFB, N.D.

It could be the fancy leather jacket or the high-class "leatherman" you were issued.

It could be because you like working all those short suspenses that just keep on flowing.

It could be that you love preparing for inspections.

It could be the very fashionable DCUs that are currently all the rage.

It could be you enjoy the challenge of doing more with less every year.

It could be you like recalls at 4:30 a.m.

It could be you like guarding Protection Level 1 resources in below-zero weather.

Yes, there is a hint of sarcasm in the words above, but don't get me wrong, the Air Force has a tremendous number of benefits that impact each of us differently. However, as I look back on 21 years of service, my reasons for staying in the Air Force are very simple.

First, this job of defending our country is the most important

job anyone can have. Without each military member doing their specific job to the best of their abilities each day, no one in the civilian world would have the opportunity to do any of the other jobs that society deems important. Everyone in the military has a piece of this mission.

Secondly, the people. Military folks are unique ... in a good way. You are people who always seem to

find a way to do the impossible and smile while you're doing it. You are part of society but your service instills values and attributes that end up making you "a cut above."

The last reason goes back to why most of us joined. It is beneficial to us and our families. Let's face it; no one would stay in the military if your family wasn't provided for.

Certainly there are sacrifices that all families make during the course of a military career.

“ Thank you all for your service to your country and thank you for being part of my Air Force family. ”

However, there are also family benefits that come with the career. Medical benefits, dental benefits, opportunities to travel, retirement pay and being a part of the Air Force family are just a few examples.

Plus, I never had the opportunity to live in so many "gated" communities if I had been a factory worker the past 21 years.

To steal an old recruiting phrase, the Air Force truly is a great way of life. Thank you all for your service to your country and thank you for being part of my Air Force family.



Action Line

Submitting Action Lines

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

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

If satisfactory results have not been

attained by addressing the chain of command, call the Action Line at 556-7777 or fax 556-7848.

Hot Tub Installation

Question: Why are base housing residents permitted to install hot tubs while the Air Force pays the electrical bill? We received a dig permit from Civil Engineers for a base housing resident who wants to install a hot tub. How can something that is such an energy hog be allowed and have the Air Force pay for it when we are having such a severe budget crunch. A hot tub uses a lot of electrical energy. Thank you.

Answer: Thanks for your inquiry concerning hot tub installation. As a result, we are reviewing the Peterson AFB procedures/policies for hot tub installations. Currently, the Military Family Housing occupant must request permission to install a hot tub.

The occupant is responsible for all costs associated with the installation, which must meet all life/safety and electrical codes. Presently, there is no additional monthly cost to the member for energy consumption. However, due to our need to meet the Presidential goals for energy conservation, we are investigating the practicality of charging the

resident for the additional energy usage.

Our goal is to provide both reasonable quality-of-life choices for MFH residents as well as wise stewardship of our natural resources.

To that end, every Team Pete member has an opportunity to conserve energy, whether they live on base or not. Simple actions like turning off the lights in an unoccupied room, keeping thermostats set low, and using energy saver functions on computers can save the our base tens of thousands of dollars annually. Thanks again for your inquiry. For information, call Willie Carter at 556-7174.

A Moment in Time

April 10, 1975

The B-1 Lancer aircraft attains supersonic flight speed for the first time.

April 11, 1911

Lts.T.D. Milling and Henry H. Arnold ordered to Dayton, Ohio for flying instructions.

April 12, 1988

The first F-16C/D Fighting Falcon is delivered to Luke AFB, Ariz.

April 12, 1988

The first F-15E Strike Eagle is delivered to Luke AFB, Ariz.

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Recognizing the members selected for Guardian Challenge 2005

Top guns



Sergeant Oscar Ochoa

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Airman Jesse Stanton hails from Spillville, Iowa. He's in the 721st Security Forces Squadron at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. He's a training and scheduling clerk.

Eclipse café opens doors

By Staff Sgt. Donald Branum
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

How many lattes can you buy for \$175,000?

Thanks to that amount in donations from Peterson's 21st Space Wing, Schriever's 50th SW and the 14th Air Force, Airmen who visit the new Eclipse Café at Peterson's Discovery Hall can drink all the coffee, Italian sodas and tea they want-and surf the 'Net as long as they want-without paying a dime.

The Peterson and Schriever chapels will make sure the drinks keep flowing in the future through funding and oversight, said Dormitory Chaplain (Capt.) Kris Cox.

About 3:15 p.m. Friday, clouds that had moved in from Pikes Peak began to spit rain on the band and the pavilion. Members of the band Red 40 scrambled to protect their equipment as volunteers moved the official red ribbon and flags inside the café. Within 20 minutes, however, the weather had changed again: the sun broke through, and everyone moved back outside.

The opening party for the new café had kicked off earlier Friday afternoon. The Diamond Council, made up of first sergeants from Peterson and Schriever AFB as well as from Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, threw a dorm "block party" at Discovery Hall.

The Peterson Commissary donat-



Members of the Eclipse Café team are Front row (Left to Right) Senior Airmen Steven Drew and Sean Robbins, Airman Kathryn LaMountain, Airmen 1st Class Vanessa Amarilla and Chris Dozler; Back row (Left to Right) Chaplain (Capt.) Kris Cox, Airmen 1st Class Brandi Purchase, Lauren Young, Dennis Crawley, Senior Airman Jeremy Littlefield, Airmen 1st Class Coty Graff and Jennifer Vorhies, Master Sgt. Parker Van Etta, Senior Airman Jennifer Cotto and Airman Garrett Trecker.

ed much of the food for the party, including 300 hamburger patties. A soda vendor provided drinks at no cost. Base councils from Peterson, Schriever and Cheyenne Mountain contributed money for the party, said Master Sgt. Ryan Gates, 721st Communications Squadron here.

"All we had to do was buy the condiments," said Sergeant Gates.

Meanwhile, members of Red 40 set up their equipment just outside. The band's drummer, Senior Master Sgt. Paul Langford, is a military satellite communications terminal evaluator with Detachment 4 of the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center.

"(The event organizers) were trying to get a different band, but that deal fell through," said Sergeant Langford, explaining how his band got the gig. "Word of mouth went through the (first sergeants) that I was in a band, and they hired us."

As last-minute preparations for the 5 p.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony continued, Chaplain Cox explained the café planning and development process. "We were involved in it from the very beginning," he said. "After the chapel staff turned over two years ago, we came over to the dorms and asked, 'What can we do for you to make your life better?'"

"What came out of that first meeting was the idea of a coffee house," said Chaplain Cox. "Then someone said, 'Let's get Internet access in here,' and the cyber café idea was born."

The Café Council and the chaplains worked with Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, then-21st SW Commander, and Col. Suzanne Vautrinot, then-50th SW Commander, to raise more than \$100,000 in "seed money," said Senior Airman Jeremy Littlefield, Café Council President and a member of the

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Senior Airman Jeremy Littlefield, 21st Space Communications Squadron, addresses the crowd during the Eclipse Café opening.

Photos by Rob Bussard



Official details DOD efforts to transform, retain quality force

By Terri Lukach
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are working to reduce stress on the force and negate the need for more people in uniform, a top official said here April 6.

“Transformation of how the U.S. military is structured ... is the biggest way in which the department is working to reduce demand on U.S. forces,” said Dr. David S. C. Chu, Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness in testimony on Capitol Hill. “This will be accomplished by converting capabilities in both the active and reserve components that are in lesser demand to a higher priority structure.”

Doctor Chu and several other military personnel officials from the services testified before the personnel subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He said rebalancing the force from one based on threats, as it was during the Cold War, to a force based on capabilities will improve responsiveness and ease stress on units and people by building up high-demand capabilities.



Dr. David S. C. Chu

Doctor Chu outlined the department’s four primary methods for restructuring the force:

— Limiting the involuntary mobilization of individual reservists to achieve a reasonable and sustainable rate.

— Rebalancing the mix of active and reserve-component forces to make the most of needed skill sets.

— Speeding military-to-civilian conversions to free up forces for military duties.

— Investing in new Information Age technologies, precision weapons, unmanned air and sea vehicles, and other less manpower-intensive platforms and technologies to relieve stress on the force.

Department officials also are increasing the “jointness” of U.S. military forces and spreading mission requirements across the force “to ease the burden on some high-demand, low-density units and skills,” Dr. Chu

said. He also said the purpose of reserve components has changed, and that a mission-ready National Guard is a critical element of national security strategy.

“This is not a strategic reserve that we use only during and after planned mobilization or in the event

of a major war,” Dr. Chu said, “but a force that contributed between 12 and 13 million duty days annually from (fiscal) 1998 to (fiscal) 2001.”

Portions of the reserve components have been operational since they were called up for Operation Desert Storm in the early 1990s, he said.

Because the National Guard is both an integral part of the military’s “total force mission capability” and a “critical element in a governor’s response to natural disasters,” that component will continue to have dual missions, Dr. Chu said.

He said that America’s military faces many challenges.

“Where it does,” he said, “particularly in the area of recruiting, retention and stress, we carefully monitor the current status and take measures to resolve problems.”

Department officials continually review compensation packages “to ensure they are adequate to meet the needs of recipients” and work jointly in many areas “to take full advantage of the strength that comes from combining resources and knowledge,” Dr. Chu said.

“We are guided by the understanding that people are more than just numbers, and budgets are more than just sums in columns,” he said. “The decisions we make about funding the next fiscal year matter a great deal to real people.”

Veterans, from Page 1

entitled,” he said.

Veterans of the armed forces have received some degree of hiring preference for federal jobs since the Civil War.

Today’s law, reflected in

Veterans’ Preference Code of 1944, as amended, and in Title 5 of the U.S. Code, ensures that veterans who are disabled or served on active duty in the military during certain specified time frames or campaigns receive preference in hiring from competitive lists of

eligible applicants. It also gives these veterans preference in keeping their jobs during reductions-in-force processes, officials said.

The purpose of veterans’ preference, officials said, is to recognize the economic loss suffered during military

service, restore veterans to a favorable competitive position for government jobs, and acknowledge the debt owed to disabled veterans.

For information about veterans’ preference, visit www.opm.gov/veterans/html.



Peak Performer



Staff Sgr. David M. Woodcock

Name: David M. Woodcock, Staff Sgt.
Organization: 21st Logistics Readiness Squadron
Duty title: NCOIC, passenger travel
Time in service: 6.5 years
Hometown: Lockport, N.Y.

Off-duty interests, hobbies: I enjoy all sports especially golf, football, and hockey. I also enjoy taking off-duty classes.

Why did you join the Air Force? I initially joined the air force for the education benefits. I decided to re-enlist because of the pride that I feel by serving my country and the ability to provide for my family.

What inspires you to do what you do? I'm inspired whenever I'm able to serve as a mentor for a new airman. I'm also inspired whenever I'm able to make a customer's journey

smoother by providing detailed information on their flights, destination countries, or any other areas that will assist them and their family members.

Favorite part of your job? The favorite part of my job is arranging travel for our deployers. It feels great to know I play a key role in ensuring AEF personnel are in place within specific time frames.

What goals have you set? To complete my bachelors degree and apply for OTS.

Congrats Corner

Members of Peterson Air Force base would like to congratulate the following Air Force Space Command award winners.

Quarterly Safety Award of Distinction Category I, Capt. Darron Haughn and *Category II*, Staff Sgt. Janet Doyle. *The Brent Scowcroft Award*, Capt. Jody Addison, 4th Space Communications Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M. *Outstanding AFSPC Company Grade Chaplain*, Capt. David Depinho, Thule Air Base, Greenland; *Category B Reserve Chaplain*, Capt. Charles Knauer. *Manpower and Organization Award for Professional Excellence*, Robyn Linderman. **Contracting Award Winners:** *Senior NCO*, Master Sgt. Terry Bayshore. *NCO*, Tech. Sgt. Robert Howard. *Pricing*, Tim Hanley. *Contracting Team*, Tracie O'Donovan, Staff Sgt. Raja Panchal, Julio Irizarry, Ashley Morris, 1st Lt. Darryl Braxton, Tim Haney and Lynn Carlson. *Staff Sgt. Ronald L. King Award for Contingency Contracting*, Capt. Shawn Beauchamp. *9th*

Reconnaissance Wing Airman of the Year, Senior Airman Kara Colton, Clear Air Force Station, Alaska. **Mission Support Award Winners:** *Personnel Manager of the Year Category III-C*, Staff Sgt. Brian Feldhouse, Beale AFB, Calif. *Military Equal Opportunity Office Award Category II, Large Unit*, 21st Space Wing. *MEO Individual Award Category II*, Tech. Sgt. Richard Young. *Nathan Altshuler Award for Excellence in Educational Programs Category I, Large Unit*, 21st Mission Support Squadron. *Enlisted Professional Military Education Achievement Award Category IV*, Master Sgt. Ronald Luvisi. *Air Force Education and Training Manager Award Category II-D*, Paul Love; *III-B*, Tech. Sgt. Felicia B. Beyale. *Outstanding MSS Award Category I, Large Unit*, 21st MSS. *Outstanding Family Support Center/Family Readiness Office Award*, 21st MSS. **Medical Group Award Winner:** *Company Grade Optometrist of the Year*, Capt. Wade DeMordaunt.



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**FIRST SERGEANTS
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The First Sergeant's Golf Tournament begins 8 a.m. May 13 at the Silver Spruce Golf Club. The registration fee is \$45. It includes the tournament, greens fees, golf cart and lunch.

**ELITCH GARDENS GROUP
SCHEDULES MILITARY
APPRECIATION DAY**

Military appreciation day takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Six Flags Elitch Gardens. Tickets are \$18 for those 4 years and older and includes a meal. Tickets are on sale at the community activities center here. For information and tickets, call 556-1760.

**SKY SOX SCHEDULES
AIR FORCE
APPRECIATION NIGHT**

The traditional Sky Sox Night for Air Force members becomes Sky Sox Day this year as the Colorado Springs Sky Sox play the Portland Beavers at 1:05 p.m. April 30. People from Peterson, the U.S. Air Force Academy, Schriever Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station are invited to attend. The game is free to eligible users of these AF installations.

Eligible persons can get up to 10 free tickets beginning Tuesday at the community activities center. Those interested can register for a chance to

use the Sky Sox hot tub while picking up the tickets. Drawing for the hot tub use takes place April 27. For information, call the CAC at 556-1760.

**YMCA OFFERS FREE
REGISTRATION
FOR MILITARY**

The YMCAs of the Pikes Peak Region are offering active-duty military, civilian DOD employees and active-duty Reservists a one-time free registration. People can bring their identification card to any YMCA branch anytime. Military members who are E-5 and below also get discounted monthly membership rates. Financial assistance is available.

**CHAPEL SCHEDULES
PASSOVER SEDAR MEAL**

A Passover Sedar Meal begins at 6:15 p.m. April 23 at the Peterson Chapel. All are invited to attend. For information or reservations, call Louis Steinberg at 556-7657 or 556-4442.

**BASE MUSEUM
ANNOUNCES
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Construction for the new Medal of Honor Park is currently underway on the northwest side of the base museum grounds. The project is scheduled to be completed in November. Construction will not affect the day to day operations of the museum. For information, call Ernie Branch at 556-1422.

Personnel Corner

MPF OFFERS ADVICE FOR RENEWAL OF COMMON ACCESS CARDS

There are hundreds of Team Peterson members' common access cards, both military and civilian will expire in the next three to five months. The military personnel flight here encourages members to check the card's expiration date. If their CAC expires within two to three months, get it renewed now rather than waiting until just before expiration. For information, call Staff Sgt. Krista Lopez at 556-4680.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS

The 21st Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight moved to standardized hours Monday. The MPF will be open for customer service walk-ins and appointments from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The MPF can accommodate exceptions on a case by case basis by making appointments with the appropriate MPF representative from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For questions concerning the new hours of operation or information, call Maj. Jeff Boleng, 21st Mission Support Squadron commander at 556-4023, or Capt. Debbie Horne, MPF commander at 556-7135.

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO OFFICER PROMOTION ORDERS DISTRIBUTION

The Air Force Personnel Center will only send a copy of promotion orders to the automated records management system for archiving. Officers desiring a copy of their promotion orders must submit a request to the Air Force Personnel Contact Center via con-

tact.center@randolph.af.mil. In order to allow sufficient processing time for orders, its recommended officers submit requests 45 to 60 days after their effective promotion date.

FAMILY MEMBER GROUP LIFE INSURANCE UPDATES AUTOMATICALLY

The Family Member Group Life Insurance program automatically enrolls family members until the sponsor specifically declines or reduces the coverage.

This includes a spouse whether or not they're a military member. For this purpose, a military member's spouse is covered from the date of marriage or the member's entry date whichever is more recent. Military sponsors have the responsibility to report any additions or changes to the customer service section in the MPF to ensure the system is updated appropriately.


AFPC OFFERS IMPROVED AIRMAN PROMOTION DVR PROCESS

The military personnel flight is no longer

required to print and distribute data verification records for Airmen. Members may view and print their own DVRs via the virtual MPF. Members requiring assistance should contact their commanders support staff.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT OFFERS UNIFORM GUIDANCE:

On full length outer garments and the light weight blue jacket, officers center regular size metal rank insignia 5/8-inch from the end of epaulet or on the collar if no epaulet. Enlisted members wear three and a half- or four-inch (women) and four-inch (men) chevrons on sleeves or metal rank insignia on collar. Wear metal rank insignia centered one-inch up from collar, and parallel to outer edge. Sleeve chevron is not worn on the raincoat so as not to compromise its water tight integrity. On pullover and cardigan sweaters officers and senior NCOs wear shoulder mark rank insignia. All other enlisted members wear metal rank insignia. Center it horizontally on the epaulet with the bottom of the insignia one-inch from the shoulder seam.



Team Pete around the globe

The 21st Space Wing operates 15 weapon systems, comprises 44 units in 26 locations in four countries, and spans nine time zones throughout the world. Team Pete has 64 deployed members supporting various operations across the globe. The 21st Space Wing makes up 27 of those members.



Fight against child abuse continues

T. Martina Porter
21st Medical Operations Squadron

Since 1983, when April was designated Child Abuse Prevention Month, communities across the country have used the month-long observance to increase awareness of child abuse and how to prevent it. It is a time when individuals, schools, businesses, hospitals, religious organizations and social serv-


ice agencies join forces in the battle against child abuse.

This year's Blue Ribbon for Kids theme is *Children need everyday heroes, they need you*. The theme celebrates the everyday heroes who have a positive influence on children's lives.

Child abuse is a serious social and public health issue. More than one million children are abused each year in the U.S. As of February 2005, within the

Peterson Complex there were 23 referrals regarding maltreatment. In Teller and El Paso County there were five children under the age of 5 who died as a result of child abuse.

Recognizing that everyone can participate in efforts to eliminate this serious threat to children, communities across the country are stepping forward to promote the message that child abuse can and must be prevented.

The Family Advocacy Program addresses the issues of child abuse and neglect prevention throughout Peterson and Schriever Air Force Base, U.S. Air Force Academy and the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center. The FAP accomplishes its mission through public awareness campaigns, parent education and support programs, and community prevention programs. For information about FAP, call 556-8943. 

Crying babies could lead parents to violence

T. Martina Porter
21st Medical Operations Squadron

You knew your baby would cry. But did you know how frustrating that crying could be when you had tried everything to comfort your baby, and he or she keeps crying?

Dealing with a crying baby can be very hard, and parents often don't realize just how frustrating it is until they are in a stressful situation. No one thinks they will shake their infant, but

research shows crying as the number one trigger leading caregivers to violently shake and injure babies.

Shaken Baby Syndrome occurs when an infant or young child is violently shaken. Children who sustain life-threatening injuries from this syndrome are held by the arms and shaken back and forth in a quick, jerking motion.


A single shaking episode can result in whiplash-induced bleeding, spinal injury, paralysis and even death. Nearly 25 percent of all babies with

SBS die. In addition to these tragic results, SBS also leads to delays in normal development and impaired motor and sensory skills.

There are various signs and symptoms of SBS, which may include changes in behavior, irritability, lethargy, loss of consciousness, pale or bluish skin, vomiting and convulsions.

Although there usually are no outward physical signs of trauma, there may be broken, injured or dislocated bones and injuries to the neck and spine.

In most severe cases, the child usually becomes unconscious and suffers rapidly escalating, life-threatening central nervous system dysfunction. Any of these injuries can lead to severe disability or death.

If you suspect a child has been shaken, seek medical attention immediately. For information about child abuse prevention programs and activities throughout the year, call T. Martina Porter, Family Advocacy Outreach Manager at 556-8943. 

Tuskegee Airman Celebration Banquet

The U.S. Air Force Academy hosts the Tuskegee Airman Celebration Banquet, April 29 at Arnold Hall at the USAFA. The guest speaker is retired Colonel Frederick Gregory, NASA acting administrator. The dress for

the banquet is the service dress uniform for military members and civilians should dress to the equivalent. Reservations are due April 18. For information, call Greg Williams at 333-1984.





DUI

An airman was pulled over for being suspected of driving under the influence. The security forces member had the airman perform a sobriety test. The airman failed the walk and turn and one legged stand tests. He was then transported to the control center where he submitted to a breathalyzer test. His results came back .190, more than twice the legal limit. The airman was issued a citation for DUI and released to a senior NCO. Servicemembers risk their careers, lives and the lives of others when they get behind the wheel drunk. People should use a designated driver or have a plan to get home if they have been drinking. Members may also use the Enlisted Against Drunk Driving program and call 556-6384.

Minor vehicle accidents

Security forces responded to the Base Exchange to investigate a minor vehicle accident. A servicemember reported he returned to his vehicle and noticed his vehicle and another's front bumpers were touching.

The individual of the other vehi-

cle was contacted and reported to the scene. The investigation revealed both vehicles were in parking gear and there was no damage to either vehicle.

Forgetting to set a parking brake resulted in the security forces being dispatched to the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron compound. Patrols arrived to find a sports utility vehicle had rolled into and knocked over a motorcycle. The driver of the SUV said he had parked it and was walking off when he heard the crash. There was minimal damage to the SUV. The motorcycle suffered several dents, scratches and a broken turn indicator.

The commissary parking lot was the scene of the next accident. A driver miscalculated the amount of room she had while attempting to pull into a parking spot. The damage to both vehicles consisted of several scratches and a broken hubcap.

Shoplifters

Spring is here and a BX detective apprehended two family members who tried to get away with \$108 worth of merchandise from the lawn and garden center. Security forces and the Colorado

Springs Police Department were notified. Patrolmen transported the suspects to the SFS control center where they were turned over to CSPD.

A family member was detained for shoplifting a pack of bubblegum at the BX. She was picked up by SFS and transported to the control center until CSPD arrived. An officer from CSPD issued her a summons for shoplifting.

Alarm activations

In 15 separate incidents, security forces promptly responded to activated alarms. Their investigations into the cause revealed human error to be the cause in all incidents. This is a continuing problem. Occupants of buildings with alarm systems must pay strict attention to procedures when entering their building.



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edge whittled down to two before it pulled out a 75-70 win.

"That goes to show no lead is safe. No lead really lasts unless you keep working on your game," General Lord said.

The general listed examples of how the U.S. is honing its skills in the space arena. Use of global positioning satellites is at an all-time high, ICBM force readiness hovers at 99.5 percent and there have been 40 consecutive successful launches since 1999, he said.

"We've got 960 to go. I want 1,000 and there's no reason we can't do that," General Lord said and the audience showed its agreement with extended applause.

Space has become an integral component in U.S. warfighting efforts, he said. Combatants from all U.S. forces rely on protection provided by far-seeing satellites.

Ground troops have become very comfortable with early warning provided by Airmen through AFSPC's orbiting observers, the general said.

Space command's ability to continue its combat support depends on the ingenuity of its Airmen and its business partners, he continued.

"We've been successful because we work on systems developed for other purposes [like GPS]

and adapt them to our needs through an innovative and creative spirit," the general said.

The Air Force's top space general responded to acquisition criticisms and forcefully defended the overall process. He assured the audience that individual and organizational problems have been appropriately managed.

"The [acquisition] process is not broken. Get over it," General Lord said. "It's got some flaws, like we need faster cycle times, but it's not broken."

Key to fixing these flaws and avoiding future legal or ethical issues is a joint effort between space Airmen and the space industry, he said.

"We've got to move on and let's take the high ground. Let's work this together," the general said.

General Lord concluded his speech with a story from his visit with Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

Uncertain what to think as he entered the facility, the general was met by enthusiastic and dedicated soldiers many of whom were anxious to rejoin the fight with prosthetic replacements for the limbs they had lost.

"We can't let our lead evaporate, because everything we do is for them," he said.

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21st Space Communications Squadron.

With the seed money in hand, the Café Council set about designing what the new place would look like. The design mostly followed concepts the Airmen already had in mind, said Senior Master Sgt. Gordon Wilkins, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron. The Airmen worked with Sergeant Wilkins and Kolleen Kostboth, 21st CES, to design a café that would provide an off-base atmosphere on base. They ended up with a motif reminiscent of a 1960s-era coffee house.

"The young troops did a lot of hard work. They put a lot of weekends into doing this," said Sergeant Wilkins. "They own this place."

Over time, the chapel got some money from end-of-year funds and from

their own collection plate to pay for furnishings and equipment.

As the official party arrived for the ceremony, Airman Littlefield took a seat alongside Brig. Gen. Richard Webber, 21st SW Commander, Col. John Hyten, 50th SW Commander and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Tinnon, 21st SW Chaplain.

Once the official party cut the ribbon, the crowd poured into the new Eclipse Café and ordered coffee. Some relaxed and conversed with friends, while others camped out in the computer game room and played Half Life 2, Counterstrike 2 and other computer games. The fun continued well into the evening.

"One critical component of waging war is maintaining our sanity," said Chaplain Tinnon of the new café. "When people's lives are at stake, you can't put a dollar figure on morale."



The café is open Wednesdays, 5 to 9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 5 p.m. to midnight; and Sundays, noon to 9 p.m. For information, call the Peterson Chapel at 556-4442.

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In most cases, the person's limitations are what prevent him or her from participating in the unit's program, officials said.

Once the limitations are assessed, they list their goals, such as to lose weight or increase muscle mass, and

describe what type of workout they want.

"They tell us how often they want to work out and what equipment they want to use. If their ideal workout isn't effective, we tailor it. It is a very individualized process," Mr. Patterson said.

Airmen may not be able to run or complete the push-up portions of the fitness test, but if they are able to have

their abdominal circumference measured, they can be fitness tested, since a score can be calculated on the basis of just one measure, officials said.

A primary care provider can recommend exception from abdominal circumference testing only after an abdominal surgery or up to 180 days after pregnancy, according to Air Force

Instruction 10-248, Fitness Program.

Airmen who violate a profile can have administrative action taken by their commander. This could possibly have negative repercussions if they meet a medical board and it is documented that they did not follow orders.

For information on the PT standards call 556-4292.

AF wrestling team takes third place at interservice championship

By **Walt Johnson**

Sports writer

A very young Air Force wrestling team finished in third place at the interservice wrestling championships April 7 and Friday at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

The outstanding showing by the Air Force team was capped only by the individual brilliance of 60 kilogram freestyle wrestler Phil Johnston and 60 kilogram Greco-roman wrestler Jacob Hay who each won gold medals and will represent the armed forces and the Air Force at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire games in August in Lithuania along with the other gold medal winners from the interservice competition.

The Army wrestling team was in its usual dominate position at the meet, winning 40 of a possible 44 matches to easily capture its fifth consecutive team title. Coming into the contest many expert observers favored the Army to win the title, so it was no surprise that they did. The real battle was who would be the second place team from among the Navy, Marines and Air Force.

The Air Force has a traditionally smaller group of athletes to pick from than the other two services, but through the years have managed to hold its own against the competitors from the other services.

As action got underway April 7, the Air Force team did well, winning enough matches to capture second place in the free style competition. Friday the Air Force team again held its own as it battled the Navy and Marines on even footing, giving as well as it took. The scoring was so close after the Friday competition that the judges had to go to a complicated scoring system to figure out who would be the second place team and they had to go to a third tie



Photo by Walt Johnson

Air Force wrestler Phil Johnston battles with his Navy opponent during action April 7 at the U. S. Olympic Training Center.

break formula to do that. When it was finally calculated the Air Force team found itself one point away from an incredible second place finish.

After the results were announced Rich Estrella, Air Force wrestling coach, was both pleased and disappointed by what happened.

“I think we performed very well during the tournament. We had to get after it a little bit today (Friday) and we did. I saw early on that the Navy and Marine Corps were coming on hard and I knew we had to step up if we were going to be as successful as we wanted to be,” Estrella said. “I was really pleased with our efforts against the Marine Corps. This is the first time we have beaten the Marine Corps in a dual meet format, which has been around for 10 years and then we battled the Navy hard in the afternoon.

“In the overall standings it got down to the third set of criteria. Even though we won the head-to-head competition against the Marines in the free style, the judges had to look at what happened Thursday, count up all the team points in all the meets and it ended up giving the Marines a point advantage over us,” Estrella said.

Estrella said it was tough to lose out on second place by a point but he was very pleased with the overall performance of the Air Force team. It was the best performance the Air Force has had in many years and he attributed that to the young team that wanted to grow and learn and compete for themselves and the rich tradition of Air Force wrestling.

“We have a lot to work to do to keep getting better but I know this group will get better. We are going to continue to build on what we have here,” Estrella said. I couldn’t have asked for a better effort overall than what we had today and in this tournament from my wrestlers.”

Kids in good hands at Peterson



Young Lee Bucher, 21st Services Squadron main Child Development Center program assistant, smiles as she holds Tyler and Hallee. CDC assistants provide comfort to children of parents serving in the different services assigned to Peterson Air Force Base.

By Tech. Sgt. Matt Gilreath
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Children file in one by one and sometimes in small groups. They sometimes wait for the doors to close so they may push the automatic door button before entering the building with a smile and look of accomplishment.

There is a buzz of excitement in the air as they enter the lobby each day and are anxious to see what adventures await them.

This is the beginning of the day for many parents and children who go to the Peterson Air Force Base Youth or Child Development Centers.

Sara Bragg, 21st Services Squadron main CDC director, said the main CDC can provide care for more than 200 children, infants' 6-weeks-old up to the age they enter kindergarten.

The center has a very important role in day-to-day Team Pete operations.

"Our goal is to provide worry free child care so our military members can achieve the mission," Mrs. Bragg said.

"We have great caregivers in all the rooms to watch over the children."

Mrs. Bragg said the activities are designed by the kids and there are things that all can do.

"We also work with the 21st SVS for a variety of activities and field trips. Some of the children will help plant a tree on Arbor Day," Bragg said.

The Peterson Youth Center offers activities for school-age children and offers flexibility to Team Pete parents living around the Colorado Springs area.

The YC aligns their schedule with School District 11, the school district Team Pete children fall under. The D-11 schools have a one week spring break each year.

The YC recently came to the rescue for the parents and children of D-49 schools who have a two week spring break.

"There are so many Peterson families that live in the D-49 area, we decided to help out those families and offer full-time care to them for the additional week they have for spring break," Toni Hansen, 21st SVS Family Member Program flight chief. "The response we had when we made the offer was incredible. We were thrilled to provide the care and meet the

parent's needs." With the summer break quickly approaching for the kids, parents might be looking for activities for their children and the YC has the answer.

"We have lots of programs set up for the summer camp, Mrs. Hansen said. We offer a full day of care for the entire summer.

The kids will get to go swimming, bowling or play sports or sign up for one of the programs like youth aviation. Their meals are also included, it's really a great deal for the parents and the kids."

Mrs. Hansen said the YC will have a one-stop sign up for this summer 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

The summer will be here soon and children will be out of school. The Team Pete parents will still watch as their little ones smile after they push the automatic door button or see the excitement in their faces as they talk about the day they hope to have at the YC.

The parents can smile and rest at ease knowing their children will have a safe place and fun things to do during their summer vacation.

For information on additional programs, call the CDC at 554-9572 or the YC at 556-7220.

at Peterson



Dimitri lines up his shot while shooting a game of pool at the youth center. The center offers a variety of activities for school age children.



Photos by Larry Hulst
Diane Connor, CDC program assistant, works with children as they work together to build a tower of blocks. Developing social skills is part of the CDC curriculum.



Steve Clapper, 21st SVS R. P. Lee Youth Center school age program assistant, is surrounded by a whirlwind of excited children full of energy.

"Everyone needs a little free time"
Childcare options at Peterson

Before and After Care for school age children at the Youth Center

Returning Home Care:
16 hours of FREE child care per child in a licensed Family Child Care (FCC) Home for deployed members returning home or during two weeks of R&R.

Extended Duty Care:
Child care in a licensed FCC Home for families who need care beyond standard 50 hours per week.

Give Parents a Break Program:
FREE child care for active duty AF families one Friday night per month at the Main Child Development Center

Parents Night Out:
Child care at either the Main CDC or Youth Center one Friday night per month from 7 to 11 p.m. for \$12.

Hourly Care:
Part-time child care for children 6 months to 5 years at the Main CDC or any ages in the FCC program for families needing care on an intermittent basis.

Open Recreation at the Youth Center:
Youth over nine years of age can join the Youth Center for an annual membership of \$30 and "hang out" with friends.

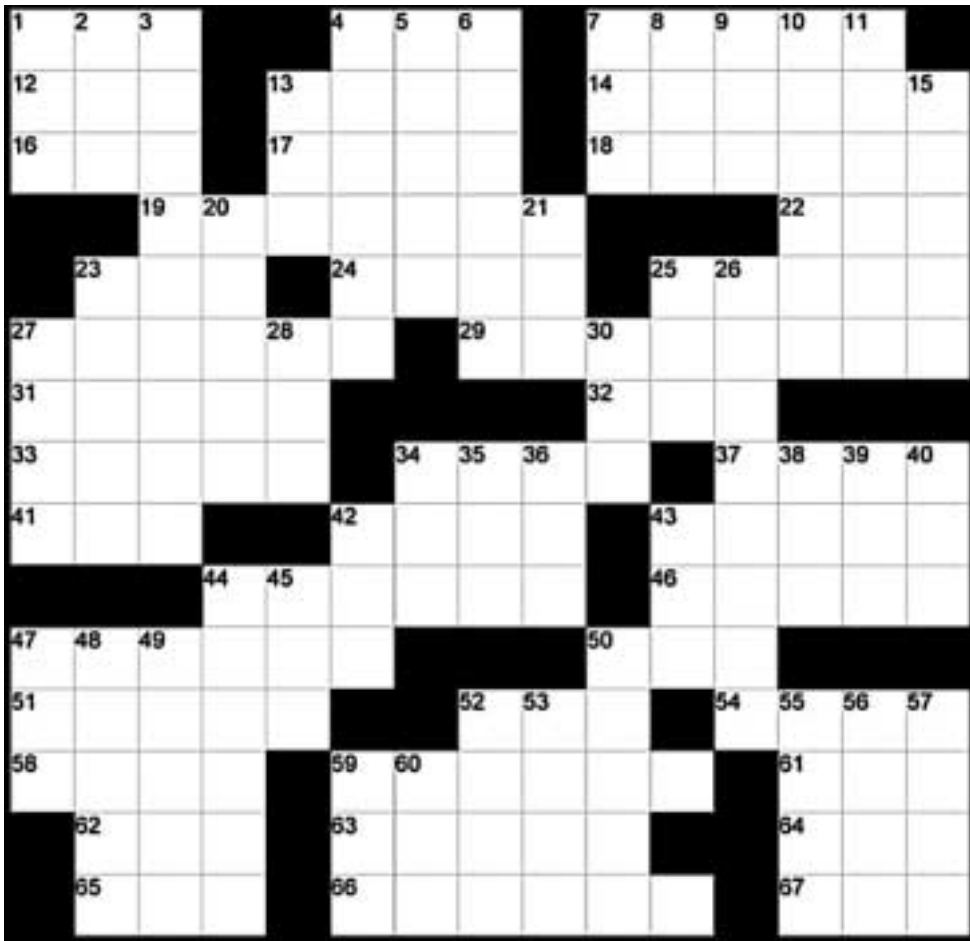


Lucas creates a maze of city streets using blocks to outline his creation.



Planes of the '40s

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ACROSS

- 1. Dr.'s org.
- 4. Small amount
- 7. ___ of faith
- 12. ___ Tin Tin
- 13. African country
- 14. Bee's goal
- 16. Movie magic with computers, in short
- 17. Snack cookie
- 18. Best player
- 19. North American P-51D _____
- 22. Sick
- 23. Owns

- 24. Tennis player Kournikova
- 25. Bandanna
- 27. Write
- 29. Caper
- 31. Sobs
- 32. ___ Tai; tropical drink
- 33. Entrances
- 34. Continent
- 37. Old form of you
- 41. Turner org.
- 42. Bridge
- 43. Underway
- 44. Subscriber
- 46. Foreclosures
- 47. British aircraft Gloster _____
- 50. Scar
- 51. Between
- 52. Deceive
- 54. Poet Pound
- 58. Earth
- 59. Fieseler FI 156C-1 _____
- 61. Snakelike fish
- 62. Bread
- 63. U.S. Douglas A-20 _____
- 64. Cell part, in short
- 65. Big ___, Calif.
- 66. Stadiums
- 67. USAF commissioning source

DOWN

- 1. Circle part
- 2. 1940s Russian aircraft maker, in short
- 3. Finding Nemo film category
- 4. Tooth concern
- 5. ___ mean fighting ...
- 6. Singer Warwick
- 7. Psychologist's org.
- 8. Computer laugh?
- 9. Building extension
- 10. South American camel
- 11. Statement ender
- 13. Army equivalent to AFSC
- 15. Actor Nick
- 20. R&B singer
- 21. Fuel
- 23. Native American tribe
- 25. Auto club
- 26. British Supermarine _____
- 27. Australian rock group
- 28. CIA precursor
- 30. Nashville music org.
- 34. Mock
- 35. ___ Diego
- 36. Football stat
- 38. Garden tool
- 39. Long time
- 40. Time until out of mil. service
- 42. Formal greeting
- 43. Pie ___ mode
- 44. Middle
- 45. Timber
- 47. Angry
- 48. Sultans
- 49. Japanese Kawasaki Ki-45 _____
- 50. Islamic holy place
- 52. Cherish
- 53. ___ out; smooth over
- 55. Japanese Mitsubishi A6M _____
- 56. Lease, as in an apartment
- 57. Unfortunately
- 59. ___ Na Na
- 60. Roofing need

Pueblo aircraft museum

Story and photos
by Nel Lampe
[Mountaineer staff](#)

A museum in Pueblo pays tribute to the B-24 aircraft — an aircraft with a tie to the area.

Pueblo aviators trained in B-24s over southern Colorado skies during World War II at Pueblo Army Air Base, east of Pueblo. The Army base construction started in late March of 1942, and training was under way 91 days later, although floors of some buildings were still littered by scraps of construction materials.

Lights had not yet been installed along the runways when training started. As a temporary measure, flare pots, holding a quart of kerosene, were set along the runways. The pots were lit by hand at dusk each day for the few weeks before electric lights were installed.

The Pueblo base was one of several established in southern Colorado after the attack at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941. Construction at Camp Carson started in January 1942, and Peterson Army Air



See WW II or later military aircraft at the Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum

Base construction started in May 1942. Another installation, later named after the 2nd Air Force Commander Gen. Uzal G. Ent, was built on Boulder Street in Colorado Springs and still another facility was near La Junta.

Pueblo Army Air Base trained crews in B-24s, B-17s, and near the end of the war, B-29s. The most famous crew member who trained at the base was movie star Clark Gable, who trained in a B-24.

After the war ended, many World War II bases' missions quickly came to an end.

The Pueblo base closed in 1946 and many buildings were sold and removed. The base became Pueblo Memorial Airport.

A collection of historic aircraft was started at the airport in 1972 by Fred A. Weisbrod, then Pueblo's city manager. The first aircraft acquired was a Douglas A-26 aircraft, soon followed by the Lockheed F-80 Shooting Star.

The collection was started as a tribute to American military airmanship. In time the collection grew to about two dozen aircraft, displayed near

the airport terminal.

In 1986 another aircraft museum came into being. It had its start when the Pueblo Historical Aircraft Society created a display about the B-24 aircraft and its military history for a 50th anniversary celebration of the aircraft's first flight. The celebration was in Fort Worth, Texas.

The B-24 was used in all combat theaters during the World War II. Its long range permitted long, over the water missions, such as the oil field raids at oil refineries at Ploesti, Romania.

The B-24 displays made by the historical society were well received, and the society decided to use the display to start a museum. The International B-24 Memorial Museum was dedicated in July 1989, occupying a small building on the airport grounds.

There is no B-24 at the International B-24 Memorial Museum. Although 19,000 of the aircraft were manufactured during World War II, only one B-24 aircraft is still flying and it is worth millions of dollars.

In the meantime, the museum has built an impressive collection of B-24 photographs, units, technical data, flight-log books, memorabilia, assorted parts and models. The museum also displays historic information about Pueblo Army Air Base. There's a model of the World War II base and pictures of people involved in its history and training, such as Gable. Not only is the museum a reminder of military history in Pueblo, but of the hundreds of air crews who trained at the base and a tribute to the B-24 aircraft itself.

There's a wealth of history about flying units which had B-24s assigned, flight uniforms, unit patches and the like.

A museum exhibit contains artifacts, pictures, letters, articles and books about the low-level Ploesti raid Aug. 1, 1943, which may have been a turning point for the allies during World War II. The 506th Bomb Squadron, formed at Pueblo Army Air Base, participated in the raid. The mission started with 179 B-24s. The planes came in at treetop level, 100 miles deep into enemy territory, to bomb the oil refineries in Romania,



The B-24 Memorial Museum and the nearby hangar are located on Pueblo Memorial Airport, where Pueblo Army Air Base was built in 1942.



LEFT: A World War II exhibit contains items from Japan and Germany. RIGHT: Uniforms and artifacts from Germany are displayed.



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Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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the source of fuel used by the Nazi forces.

The historic society raised enough money a few years ago to build a new, large hangar next to the original museum building. Several of the Weisbrod aircraft were moved inside the hangar; other exhibits were expanded.

Now, the museum is formally known as the Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum.

The hangar contains a treasure trove of memorabilia, artifacts and collectibles for anyone with an interest in military or aviation history.

Collections in the hangar include Army and Air Force uniforms, from World War II through current uniforms, for both men and women. Other displays include unit patches; aircraft nose art; World War II aircraft radio and navigation systems; and aircraft engines. Other displays are about Pueblo citizens and their part in the war as well as displays about other countries involved in World War II, including flags, uniforms and mementoes. A Tuskegee Airmen exhibit is also displayed. The museum has a collection of original World War II recruiting posters.

The Norden bombsight was an important breakthrough during World War II and there's a Norden exhibit in the hangar. Visitors can see an actual Norden bombsight on a B-29 aircraft in the hangar.

There are also displays and memorabilia from the Korean War, Vietnam and Desert Storm.

Start the visit at the B-24 museum build-

ing; pay admission and ask for a guided tour. Visitors can self-guide their tour, but guides makes the museum more interesting — especially if children are in the group. It's worth waiting a few minutes until a guide is available.

The B-24 building also has a small gift shop which has military related items for sale, such as books, videos, caps, model airplanes, key chains, pins and military patches.

In addition to the museum and aircraft in the hangar, visitors can see the rest of the aircraft in the Weisbrod collection on the grounds behind the hangar.

Aircraft displayed at the Pueblo museum include a Douglas-26 Invader, a Lockheed F-80 Shooting Star, a Boeing B-29 Superfortress, a Boeing B-47 Stratojet, a Chance Vought F-6 Crusader, a Convair HC-131A Samaritan, a Douglas C-47 Skytrain, a Douglas AS-4D-2 Skyhawk, a Fairchild C-119 Boxcar, A Gruman F-11, a Lockheed T-33 T-Bird, a McDonnell F-101 Voodoo, a North American F-100D Super Saber, a North American T-28C Trojan and a Republic F-84 Thunderjet. Navy and Marine aircraft are also displayed as well as some experimental mass trans-



The B-29 aircraft is equipped with a Norden bombsight.

portation vehicles. The museum is operated by volunteers, who also perform maintenance on all displayed aircraft.

The B-24 Memorial Museum maintains a registry of crew members who have served

on B-24 aircraft. Registration can be made at the Web site, www.pwam.org. The museum hosts "open cockpit day" the last Saturday of the month. April's featured aircraft is the F-6 Skyray, a Navy carrier fighter, which will be open for visitors to climb in the cockpit. There's no charge other than museum admission.

The museum is at the Pueblo Memorial Airport, about seven miles east of Pueblo. Take Interstate 25 south, about 40 miles to Exit 100A, Highway 50 east for about seven miles. Take the exit for the airport. Drive onto airport grounds, heading toward the passenger terminal. The museum is on the left, at 31001 Magnuson Ave., adjacent to the fenced compound which contains historic aircraft.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. It is closed major holidays. Call (719) 948-9219 for information.

Admission is \$6 for anyone older than 10. Active duty military members are admitted free by showing a military identification.

There's parking in front of the B-24 Memorial Museum building.

(Courtesy of the Fort Carson Mountaineer.)



ABOVE: Visitors look at displays in the aircraft museum hangar in Pueblo.



LEFT: A display shows the way Soldiers in World War II lived: a cot and a foot locker.



ABOVE: A volunteer guide at the aircraft museum tells visitors about B-29 aircraft, once used for training at the Pueblo base.



LEFT: Visitors can try out the cockpit during "Open Cockpit Day" at the Pueblo museum.

Just the Facts

- **Travel time** about an hour
- **For ages** all ages
- **Type** aircraft museum
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★
(Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** \$
 - \$ = Less than \$20
 - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
 - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$60
 - \$\$\$\$ = \$61 to \$80
 (Based on a family of four)

GO! Get out!!

Free Army Band Concert

The 36th Army Band from Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and the 62nd Army Band from Fort Bliss, Texas, present a concert at the Fort Carson McMahon Theater at 7 p.m on April 12. The event is free.

Academy Theater

“The Passing Zone” is at 7:30 p.m. on April 23 in Arnold Hall Theater at the Academy. Call the box office at 333-4497. Theater guests should enter the Academy at the North Gate Exit.

World Arena venue

This year’s Professional Bull Riders U.S. Army Invitational is at the Colorado Springs World Arena April 15 to 17. Tickets are \$25; call 576-2626.

Michael W. Smith is in the World Arena April 19. Tickets are on sale, 576-2626.

“Larry the Cable Guy” is appearing at the World Arena May 8; call 576-2626.

The arena is at 3185 Venetucci Blvd., near Tinseltown theater. Parking is \$5 for each event.

Bull riders block party

A block party in downtown Colorado Springs, along Tejon Street, gives fans a chance to meet the professional bull riders in town for the Professional Bull riders U.S. Army Invitational. The free block party starts at 7 p.m., Wednesday with a live country and western concert at 8 p.m.

Pueblo’s art center theater

The Sangre de Cristo theater at 210 N. Santa Fe in Pueblo hosts “The Passing Zone” 7:30 p.m. April

22; tickets are \$20. The box office phone is (719) 295-7222.

Pikes Peak Center

Rob Becker’s “Defending the Caveman” is today and at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

“The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe,” an Imagination Celebration production, is in the Pikes Peak Center at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Tickets are \$10, call 520-SHOW.

Clay Walker is in concert at 7 p.m. on May 19; call 520-SHOW for tickets.

Mary Chapin Carpenter with Mindy Smith present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on April 29. “42nd Street” is at 7 p.m. on May 8 and 9. Call the box office at 520-SHOW for the Pikes Peak Center. Parking is streetside or in a garage behind the center (\$5 fee).

Rembrandt’s etchings

The White Galleries of the Sango de Cristo Art Center at 210 N. Santa Fe in Pueblo has several collections of art displayed, including “Rembrandt: The Moreschim Collection” of etchings through April 23. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children, and admits visitors to Buell Children’s Museum as well.

Military day at Elitches

The annual “Joining Forces Event” at Six Flags Elitch Gardens in Denver is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 16, when the amusement park is open only for military. Buy tickets in advance at the Information, Tickets and Registration office in the Outdoor Recreation Center on post and at Peterson AFB.

Information, Tickets and Tours office for \$18. All tickets purchased on military installations for this event include a meal at the park. Remember to have \$9 cash for the parking lot fee at Elitch’s. The park opens for the season April 23, when regular admission is \$37.99 for anyone taller than 48 inches high. Children’s tickets will be \$21.99.

Earth Day

Help clean up Garden of the Gods Park from 9 to 11 a.m., on April 16. There’ll be refreshments and activities, including arts and crafts and dance demonstrations. Activities will also include Rock Ledge Ranch, near the park’s entrance.





Front Range Air and Space Day

Air Show...



... is 51 days away



Sergeant Hazard strikes again – don't do this!



Sergeant Hazard is committing five safety violations in this photo. What are they? The first five people to call the Safety Office at 556-6781, with the correct answers will receive a prize for their skill in identify the infractions. Regardless of the activity going on or the location, the 21st Space Wing Safety office staff urges all Team Pete members to practice Operational Risk Management by: Identifying the hazards, assessing the risk, analyzing control measures, making control decisions, implementing supervising and reviewing.



at your SERVICE

Youth center offers early summer camp registration Friday

Story and Photo by Margie Arnold
21st Services Squadron

During the summer kids often ask "What's there to do this summer?" Summer camps can solve the problem.

A combined effort from the 21st Services Squadron Business Flight, Family Support Flight and Community Support Flight created a wide assortment of youth summer camps including aviation, football, whitewater rafting and many other camps.

For example, the bowling center offers a 14-week bowling league where kids can receive a special bowling ball.

There's also a 14-week Colorado Rockies Bowling League for kids and parents where you get tickets to three select Rockies home games and Rockies T-shirts



People register their children for summer youth camps at the R.P. Lee Youth Center.

up a brochure at the RP Lee Youth Center.

Some camps begin as early as mid-May; others begin in June, July or August. Early registration for all youth summer camps begins at 9 a.m. Friday at the RP Lee Youth Center and continues until a camp reaches capacity and is closed.

Each camp can accommodate a limited number of children. No child wants to be left out of the summer camp he or she wants most, whether it's Bronco Training Camp, Golf 4 Kids or lifeguard training.

Don't let your son or daughter sit at home this summer whining about having nothing to do.

Plan to attend early registration for youth summer camps at the Youth Center.

For information or questions, call 556-7220.

and caps. To get a complete calendar and description of youth summer camps, pick

ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today

Lunch:

Herbed Baked Chicken
Stuffed Cabbage Rolls
Southern Fried Catfish
Black-eyed Peas with Rice
Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Sweet Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables Peas

Dinner:

Roast Loin of Pork*
Jaeger with Mushroom Sauce
Glazed Cornish Hen
Potatoe Halves
Rice, Orange Carrots
Simmered Pinto Beans
Corn Combo

Friday

Lunch:

Mexican Baked Chicken
Swiss Steak with Tom Sauce
Stuffed Green Pepper
Baked Macaroni and Cheese
Steamed Rice
Fried Cabbage Carrots
Black Eye Peas

Dinner:

Lasagna
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Sweet Italian Sausage
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli Polonaise
Cauliflower
Italian Style Baked Beans

Saturday

Lunch:

Crispy Baked Chicken
Cajun Meat Loaf
Grilled Steak
Baked Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Frozen Style Peas
Glazed Carrots

Dinner:

Fish Almondine
Stir Fry Chicken with Broccoli
PorkChops with Mushroom Gravy
Rissole Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Calico Corn
Club Spinach
Fried Okra

Sunday

Lunch:

Tuna and Noodles
Sauerbraten
Parmesan Chicken Breast
Potatoes Au Gratin
Steamed Rice
Cauliflower Combo
Peas
Fried Cabbage

Dinner:

Ginger BarbeQue Chicken
Breaded Fried Shrimp
Seafood Cocktail Sauce
Spinach Lasagna
Rice, Orange
Mashed Potatoes
Black Eye Peas
Lima Beans
Corn O' Brien

Monday

Lunch:

Swiss Steak with Tom Sauce
Baked Chicken
Hot Italian Sausage
Peppers & Onions
Steamed Rice
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli Polonaise
Carrots

Dinner:

Roast Turkey
Baked Can Ham
Raisin Sauce
Fish & Fries
Mashed Potatoes
Corn Bread
Dressing
Succotash
Tempura
Vegetables
Herbed Green Beans

Tuesday

Lunch:

Onion-Lemon B. Fish
Pork Schnitzel, Steak
Yakisoba, Beef & Spaghetti
Baked Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Simmered Pinto Beans
Spinach
Stewed Tomatoes

Dinner:

Paprika Beef
Barbeque Beef Cubes
Chicken Fajitas
O'brien Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Cauliflower
Corn on the Cob
Lima Beans

Wednesday

Lunch:

Roast Beef
Barbeque
Spareribs
Roast Turkey
Steamed Rice
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Corn on the Cob
Peas and Carrots

Dinner:

Pita Pizzas
Country Style Steak
Fried Chicken
Oven Brown Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Fried Cauliflower
Bean Combo
Cabbage

Hours of Operation: 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.