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Air Force finalizes new utility uniform

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
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WASHINGTON — Blue and green tiger stripes are out; the digitized pattern with subdued green, tan, blue and gray is in.

After reviewing more than 150,000 bits of feedback throughout the initial seven-month wear test of the proposed utility uniform, Air Force leaders recently decided to eliminate the original color scheme and conduct a limited field test of the new pattern.

Special operations and survival, evasion, resistance and escape Airmen will conduct a limited wear test of the new design at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Fairchild AFB, Wash., in June.

“The sole purpose of the test will be to see if we can add any features to the uniform to make it a better uniform in the field and to determine if the new colors (and) pattern provide camouflage protection they need in the field,” said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos, Air Force uniform board superintendent.

Airmen who participated in the initial wear test stopped wearing the more vibrant blue-green uniform March 1.

The original wear test involved more than 700 Airmen at 32 bases worldwide who kept detailed daily logs annotating likes, dislikes and wash-and-wear problems. They also completed three surveys.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
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“Throughout the test, Air Force leaders actively solicited feedback from testers and observers alike to ensure this uniform developed into one that fit the needs of today’s Airmen,” Sergeant Athnos said.

“There were several avenues for feedback, ensuring that the (Air Force) chief of staff had realistic facts when making the final decision on the uniform,” she said.

Those avenues included a survey sent to

45,000 Airmen, a Web site and direct e-mail to the uniform board.

“Some comments were positive, some were negative — all of them were provided directly to the chief of staff,” Sergeant Athnos said. The uniform is scheduled to be procured in mid-2005, officials said. Airmen can expect to purchase the uniform sometime in fiscal 2007. The proposed uniform will be phased in over four or five years.

Stay in tune with warning signs for severe weather

(This is the third article in an AFSPC News Service series on safety for the 101 Critical Days of Summer between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.)

By 1st Lt. Jean Van Allen and Tech. Sgt. James Rush
50th Space Wing Public Affairs and AFSPC Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The thunderstorm ends, and the sky turns a sickly greenish-black hue. A strange quiet is broken by the sound of a waterfall, although none is near. Clouds sprint past converging in the distance.

Giant voice erupts from a nearby loudspeaker, and as the tornado warning is announced, the thunderous sound of rushing air begins to resemble a railroad train or a jet engine. A couple of miles away, debris flies from the ground up toward the dark clouds.

Several Air Force Space Command bases are susceptible to tornadoes. None are completely safe. When people know the correct actions to take before and during the storm, the odds of surviving a tornado encounter increase dramatically, according to safety officials.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency Web site says a tornado watch is issued when tornadoes are possible. A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has been sighted.

The command post is normally a base’s first line of defense against damage or injury caused by tornadoes. The communication center receives notification of weather changes from weather tracking units.

Additionally, many command posts monitor a second warning system. At Schriever, the computer-based system is called the Local Weather Network System, said Maj. Michael Brownworth, chief of the Command and Control Division. This system transmits an alarm any time there is a change in weather in or around the local area.

In response to a tornado watch or warning, the command post activates the base siren, which transmits a three- to five-minute steady tone. “We also contact all base agencies via base-wide (public address system) and through an automated telephone system,” Major Brownworth said.

In Colorado, the primary threat of tornadoes is along the Front Range and foothill counties. Tornadoes occur every year on the eastern plains, particularly

during the spring and summer.

“You should know where you can take shelter in a matter of seconds, and practice a family tornado drill at least once a year,” said Master Sgt. Chris Lawrence, 50th Space Wing Safety. “Also, have a predetermined place to meet after a disaster.”

FEMA suggests using use sheltered windowless areas on the lowest level of the building during a tornado. Ideal areas are storm cellars and basements, Sergeant Lawrence said.

“Go to the lowest floor, small center room like a bathroom or closet, under a stairwell or in an interior hallway with no windows,” he said. “Crouch as low as possible to the floor, face down and cover your head with your hands.”

For people in a temporary structure on base, command post controllers provide options to the wing commander in regard to evacuation measures, Major Brownworth said.

“Depending on the type of condition reported — watch or warning — the controllers will also request that security forces place spotters to watch for actual tornadoes,” he said.

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Commander has nothing but praise for air show efforts

I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all the men and women of the Front Range for your outstanding efforts and contributions to the Front Range Air and Space Day. It was a tremendous success!

Planning an Air Show generally takes 14 months. Our planning committee got a late start and made it happen in just six! Contracting 120 buses, opening and closing fences, moving aircraft in and out are just a few examples of the details that had to be planned in minimal time.

The planning committee's long

hours and hard work paid off, as the air show went off without a single glitch. It was incredible to see more than 1,500 volunteers on the flight line serving food, working displays, insuring safety and a host of other behind the scene activities to ensure all attendees enjoyed the show.

Despite the weather, the local community came out to see the show! We had more than 35,000 cars parked, more than 1,000 children in the Kids Zone, sold more than 1,300 programs, and enjoyed having more than 100,000 people on base participating in the event! However, the 21st Space Wing didn't do it alone.

Our air show was a joint effort by all the Front Range Bases, and I would like to pass on my personal thanks to all of Team Pete, Schriever AFB, USAFA, Buckley AFB, and Fort Carson. It took each and every one of you to make this air show a success and I applaud your efforts.

I am proud to be part of a team that is so diverse, yet can pull together to give back to our community and our military family what they so deserve. Thank you for the dedication and hard work you display each and every day. This was truly a job well done by all.



Schriever Airman, Pikes Peak region earn national CFC awards

By 1st Lt. Jennifer Whitaker

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON - Generous Airmen earned recognition from Combined Federal Campaign officials during a White House ceremony Friday.

A Schriever AFB, Colo., Airman received recognition as the 2004 CFC Military Hero, and the commander of Air Force Space Command accepted an award for the highest percent dollar increase in contributions among CFC campaigns over \$1 million.

Tech. Sgt. Sherrie Horn accepted her honor at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House grounds. The director of operations for the Air Force Technical Applications Center Detachment 46 at Schriever was chosen for her outstanding CFC efforts and community service.

"It's kind of overwhelming," she said.

Sergeant Horn's family was with her when she accepted the award. "They're also involved in the community, so I'm happy to share this moment with them," she said.

As a CFC key worker, Sergeant Horn's efforts led to a 10 percent increase in base participation and a 36 percent increase in contributions, according to her nomination package.

Sergeant Horn's community involvement activities include teaching Sunday school, leading a local booster club, helping the Schriever 5/6 Council with fundraisers and working with the Colorado Springs Habitat for Humanity program. She also helped sponsor an orphanage.

"I'm very proud of Sergeant Horn's leadership," said General Lance W. Lord, AFSPC commander. "It's an honor to serve with men and women like her who care so much about others."



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Whitaker

General Lance Lord (center) joins Tech. Sgt. Sherrie Horn and her family (left) for lunch during a visit to Washington for the national Combined Federal Campaign awards ceremony at the White House Friday.

For Sergeant Horn, it's not about getting the glory or being recognized for her efforts.

"It's great to be able to give back," she said.

General Lord accepted the Highest Percent Dollar Increase award for campaigns over \$1 million on behalf of the Pikes Peak CFC region. The general is a member of the Pikes Peak Region CFC executive committee. He and Barbara Fitz, CFC Regional Director for the Pikes Peak region, helped lead the 24.7 percent pledge increase for 2004.

Both executives attribute the success to the tireless efforts of hundreds of dedicated campaign key workers at Colorado Springs, Colo., military installations and area U.S. Postal Service facilities and federal prisons. The Pikes Peak CFC contributed nearly \$2 million to the national CFC total of \$256 million.

"General Lord was instrumental in leading Air Force Space Command worldwide to one of their best campaigns ever," Ms. Fitz said. "This year's achievements are truly incredible."

Dan Blair, acting director for the Office of

Personnel Management in Washington, D.C., said the record campaign increases in 2004 are a testament to the generosity of the nation's military men and women who make sacrifices every day, yet still find it in their hearts to give generously to the CFC each year.

The 50th Space Wing, and Headquarters AFSPC and the 21st Space Wing at Peterson AFB, Colo., experienced record years during the 2004 CFC campaign. Additionally, Schriever received an Installation Excellence Award and a Gold Award.

"The men and women of Air Force Space Command prove each day they are among the best and brightest this nation has to offer, and this year's CFC results within the command illustrate this point in a very tangible way," General Lord said. "It's great to see the giving spirit of our AFSPC Airmen first hand."

The Pikes Peak region CFC also earned an innovator award for implementing new administrative processes, leading to the campaign's huge success in 2004. In all, the region took home three national-level CFC awards from the ceremony.

A Moment in Time

June 5, 1920

An appropriation bill limited the Air Service to land bases.

June 7, 1912

A machine gun first fired from an airplane in the United States.

June 8, 1953

At Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, officially designated the 3600th Air Demonstration Flight, perform for the first time.

June 9, 1961

Delivery of the first C-135 Stratolifter jet cargo aircraft marks the beginning of modernization of Military Air Transport Service's former all-propeller-driven fleet.

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Recognizing the members selected for Guardian Challenge 2005



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Thunderbirds bring community compassion

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

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds prepare to roar through the sky performing stunts that millions of people may only see on TV. But they're more than that.

The Thunderbirds spend precious minutes with people in hospitals who may never have the opportunity to see them perform in person, bringing them a lifetime of smiles they will not soon forget.

What some people attending the Front Range Air and Space Day Air Show didn't see or know about was the busy schedule the members of the Thunderbird team had in the days leading up to the Air Show beginning from the moment they landed here.

Upon arrival, the Thunderbirds were greeted by a young man from the Make-a-Wish Foundation who is losing his eyesight. Jason Cockerham, a high school student, had his wish come true when he met the Thunderbirds.

"If my vision was better, I'd be a pilot," Cockerham said. "It's just awesome."

Over the next few days the Thunderbirds schedule was packed with practice sessions, briefings and a performance at the U.S. Air Force Academy graduation.

Major Henry Lau, flight surgeon for the team, said every minute of every day is accounted for and the best part of that time is getting to meet children and visit some of the local hospitals.

"Being a Thunderbird, flying is only 30 percent of our job," Major Lau said. "The rest is community relations and recruiting. It's been a great week here, so many people were happy we took the time to go meet them."

The Thunderbirds met Friday with other children from the Make-a-Wish Foundation and seniors who were unable to attend the air show Saturday.

Robert, a young boy confined to a wheelchair, was an honorary USAFA cadet for a day and was nothing but smiles as he received his honorary Thunderbird pin.

"This was actually his wish, to come out and meet the Thunderbirds," Robert's mother Angie said. "They really do make a difference."

Wearing a Thunderbird uniform attracts attention, especially when talking to more than 125 children from the Boys and Girls Club of Colorado Springs.

"Wearing a uniform, kids tend listen," Major Lau said. "They are glued on your every word. We tell them to stay in school, keep good grades and hang out with good people."



Top: The Thunderbirds team takes time to pose for a picture with Robert. Meeting the Thunderbirds was a wish come true.

Right: Robert is greeted by Staff Sgt. Josh Clendenen, Thunderbirds public affairs chief of community relations. Sergeant Clendenen presented Robert with a commanders pin depicting the Thunderbirds flying in formation.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Gilreath

With a busy week of events, the Thunderbirds looked forward to their grand finale, the Front Range Air and Space Day Air Show.

The team left here and headed to their next show

at Malmstrom AFB, Mont. They will have every minute of their time accounted for there too, but the precious minutes they spent with some very special people here, truly highlight Thunderbird compassion.



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Defense attachés tour Thule Air Force Base

By 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

[Thule Air Base Public Affairs](#)

THULE AIR BASE, Greenland – A delegation of 22 defense attachés from 20 different nations, accredited to Denmark, toured here as part of a week-long orientation of Greenland and the Faroes Islands sponsored by Defense Command Denmark May 25-27.

While at the base, the group was given an introductory briefing about the 821st Air Base Group, 12th Space Warning Squadron and Detachment 3, 22nd Space Operations Squadron.

“All of our thoughts about what we hoped and wanted to see have been fulfilled,” said Royal Danish Naval Capt. Peter Stehr, Defense Command’s Chief of Operations. “We’ve enjoyed the possibility to talk to the people here and see what life is like at the base.”

Prior to stopping at Thule, the delegation visited the Faroes Islands and various areas in south Greenland, to include meeting with representatives from Greenland HomeRule, Danish government in Greenland, the Faroes Island Commander and the Greenland



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

Visiting defense attaches accredited to Denmark take a moment to pause for a group photograph while visiting Thule Air Base May 25-27. The visit was part of a week-long trip to various areas throughout the Kingdom of Denmark.

Island Commander.

“These territories are part of Denmark,” said Cmdr. Gérard Domini, French Defense Attaché and Acting Dean of the Danish Defense Attaché Association. “The attachés were previously told about the Faroes Islands, Greenland HomeRule, Danish government in Greenland, and the Americans at the base. This visit is a big step in helping them understand first-hand what’s going on and how these repre-

sentatives work together.”

Defense Command Denmark plans approximately eight to 10 orientation visits each year for military attachés accredited to Denmark, but this was the first visit in more than 10 years to Greenland and the first visit ever to Thule.

Additionally, this visit marked the first time military personnel from Russia and China toured the installation.

The three-day visit to the remote base required a little extra help from the men and women here. Home to approximately 800 members, many of the 140 active duty Airmen here took on volunteer roles providing support to host the delegation.

“I was surprised to see the morale of the people here,” Capt. Stehr said. “I feel that it’s very high, and everyone is very friendly and willing to discuss almost anything very honestly.”

Retiree Appreciation Day - June 18 at the U.S. Air Force Academy

Medical group schedules change of command ceremony

The 21st Medical Group change of command ceremony begins at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the medical clinic parking lot. Colonel Mark Allen will take command from Colonel Thomas Baldwin.

Military Retiree Appreciation Day set

This event begins at 9 a.m. June 18 in Arnold Hall at the U.S. Air Force Academy. The guest speaker for the event is Donald Peterson, Air Force Retiree Council co-chairman.

Housing curbs replacement to begin

Construction will take place Monday through June 30. Access to driveways and garages will be unavailable for seven working days so concrete curbs can be replaced. All parking will be located on the street or other designated areas. Any occupants with special needs should contact the housing maintenance office at 556-4455.

Parking lot closures set

There will be pavement milling work throughout the installation that will require parking lot closures and traffic restrictions on Paine Street. The post office, military clothing sales, and the fitness and aquatics centers' paring areas will be affected. There will also be one-way traffic on sections of Paine Street.

For information, call Daniel Yocum at 556-1833.

Legal office requests volunteers

The 21st Space Wing legal office staff needs volunteers at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays to witness and sign wills at the base legal office in Building 350. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. For information, call 556-1710.

Right decision workshop available

Right decision workshops are mandatory for first-term Airmen and highly encouraged for second-term Airmen who are 12 to 15 months from their mil-

itary separation date. Anyone is welcome to attend and spouse attendance is encouraged. The workshop is about information – the most current information on benefits and career options to help members make informed career decisions. For information or to schedule a class date, call 556-9226.

YMCA offers free registration

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.

Museum member 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.

Lodging hosts NAF sale

A Non-Appropriated Funds sale takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until sold out, Saturday at the enlisted club parking lot. Lodging is selling lamps, armoires, mirrors, matching desks and chairs, headboards, Southwest prints, end tables, chairs, dressers and entertainment centers.

Items will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Only DOD ID card holders may purchase items. Items will be sold "as is." All sales are final. The sold items must be removed from the lot by the purchasing individuals by 1 p.m. that day.

There is a limit of two like items that may be purchased by any one individual or family. Individuals may go through the line once. For information, call 556-6295.

New Dialing Plan

to and from

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Friday

Callers will no longer be able to dial 7 to reach Schriever

To reach Schriever from Peterson or Cheyenne Mountain dial 99-567-XXXX
Schriever will maintain the same last four digits



Personnel Corner

MPF offers advice for common access card renewal

There are hundreds of Team Peterson members' common access cards that expire in the next three 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.

Budgeting class available at family support center

Make your money work for you. Learn how you can take charge of your finances by developing a home financial plan. This two-hour class will teach basic financial management skills and how to develop a budget. You must bring a copy of your full leave and earnings statement and a list of all monthly expenses. This class takes place from 8 to 10 a.m. Friday at the family support center.

Pre-separation briefing for separating, retiring members set

This mandatory briefing takes place from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center. This briefing is held every other week for those members who are retiring or separating from the military. Members must receive this briefing no later than 90 days before separation or retirement. This briefing is

necessary to ensure that you have sufficient information and time to take full advantage of your benefits as a veteran and to explain the services of the transition assistance program.

Sponsorship training class available for military, civilian employees

This mandatory class takes place from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. June 21 at the family support center. This class highlights all sponsor responsibilities and is held every other week.

CSAF authorizes uniform wear to, from deployment area

Effective immediately the Air Force Chief of Staff has approved desert camouflage uniform wear while traveling to and from the Central Command area of responsibility. Since Air Force members will be

seen in public in combat uniforms, proper appearance and conduct must be maintained. Members deploying or permanently changing stations to the AOR are allowed to wear DCUs to and from the AOR provided they are traveling enroute between the continental United States and overseas locations on a U.S. flag commercial aircraft, and/or on a military aircraft or government chartered aircraft. DCUs may also be worn on U.S. flag commercial flights in the CONUS while traveling between the aerial port and the airman's authorized rest and recuperation leave location. No other travel in DCUs on any commercial carrier is authorized. One set of conservative civilian attire must also be packed in the carry-on luggage in order to accommodate for contingency situations. Airmen will maintain proper uniform, personal appearance and hygiene standards during travel at all times.



Team Pete around the globe

The 21st Space Wing operates 15 weapon systems, comprises 41 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.



Damage to private property

Security forces responded to a call from a person claiming damage to his motorcycle. The person said when he came out of the building he noticed damage to the front and rear left turn signals, left mirror and clutch handle. The base defender confirmed damage on the motorcycle. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

Unlawful entry

A servicemember reported to security forces that his dorm room was unlawfully entered by another servicemember. He said he was sitting in his room playing video games when he heard an object placed into the key hole of his dormitory front door. The object was turned several times and the door was opened. He knew the person who opened the door and confronted the unlawful entrant and asked him what he was doing. The person said he knew he was home and that his door was unlocked. The person was asked to leave and security forces were called to the scene.

Security forces made contact with the unlawful entrant and advised him that he was being charged with unlawful entry. Security forces interviewed the suspect and he confessed to unlawfully entering the dorm room and several other dorm rooms. Servicemembers need to adhere to the

Uniform Code of Military Justice or they will be held accountable for their actions.

Suspicious package

The second floor of the 21st Space Wing headquarters building was the location of a suspicious package left in a bag of trash in the hallway. The building was immediately evacuated and security forces and the fire department responded to the scene. A cordon was set up and traffic lanes were closed. A security forces military working dog investigated the package with negative findings. The package was determined to be from a magazine subscription agency. The agency was contacted and they verified they had sent the package and it was all secure. With people becoming more aware of things out of place, people should remember to not leave packages unattended.

Alarm activations

In 11 separate incidents, security forces promptly responded to activated alarms. Their investigations into the cause revealed human error to be the cause in all the incidents.

This situation is a continuing problem. Occupants of buildings with alarm systems must pay strict attention to procedures when entering their building.



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A family affair

Brigadier Gen. Daniel J. Darnell, commander of the Space Warfare Center at Schriever Air Force Base, receives his second star May 31. Participating in the ceremony are General Darnell's sons, 1st Lt. Trey Darnell, right, and 2nd Lt. Daniel Darnell, Jr. General Darnell also shared the moment with his daughter Jacqueline Sorrentino, his granddaughter Isabella and his wife Vicki.



Without thinking, we were lucky to still be alive

Staff Sgt. Don Branum

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Our office had a safety briefing with a different flavor before Memorial Day weekend. Every other safety or operational risk management briefing I have sat through since I enlisted six years ago was vanilla: “Don’t drink and drive. Only drive eight hours per day. Make sure you have whatever safety equipment you need for outdoor activities. See you next week.”

This briefing was a sundae instead. Each of us related a story about something we had done that might not have happened if we’d thought about it before doing it – simple risk management.

One of my co-workers shared a story of taking an impromptu mountain climbing trip. Since it was on such short notice, he didn’t bother taking any gear with him and didn’t do research into the area he’d be climbing. Five hours into the climb, he found himself on an almost nonexistent ledge with a sharp wind pushing up at his feet. “That was not a smart position to be in,” he told us. He had given himself no choice – he would either have to press on or turn around and make a five-hour climb back to his starting point.

My account was about fatigued driving. As a

member of the honor guard at my last base, I was responsible for driving 11 people in our funeral detail to and from the ceremony. We finished the service and were on our way back; most of the Airmen quickly fell asleep, exhausted from the scorching heat and oppressive humidity.

I was just as exhausted, but too proud to admit it or ask someone else to drive. The van began to drift toward the right side of the road the second or third time my eyes drooped. Both I and my colleagues were extremely lucky I woke up when the front right tire scraped along the side of the pavement.

The most sobering story came from the next person in our circle, who told us about a kayaking trip he took on his 21st birthday. Again, the notice was short, and he didn’t give himself time to prepare. The river got choppy shortly after he and his friends began their adventure, and his kayak flipped. Rolling over on a kayak is a common occurrence, but he was not adequately trained to recover. After three failed attempts to right himself, he reached for the pull cord to get out of his kayak.

The pull cord was nowhere to be found. In his haste to prepare for the trip, he tucked the cord inside the rubber skirt of his kayak. “At the time, I thought,

‘That’s it, I’m dead,’” he said. He had been submerged for about 45 seconds.

He changed his mind a few seconds later and tore frantically at the kayak’s skirt to free himself. After struggling for several more seconds, he pulled himself out and swam to safety.

We each shared our own harrowing tale. As we listened, we took notes about what contributed to each person’s situation. We chuckled as we scribbled down “foolhardiness,” “lack of training” or “lack of preparation.”

Even as we laughed, though, we learned. Our group was small, but we each had a story that could have ended tragically.

The most important lesson I came away with is this: if you do not determine the consequences of your decision before you make it, you’ll be lucky to survive the experience. Risk management has to be more than a dusty copy of an Air Force instruction – it has to be more than an annual training requirement. It must be a constant and conscious method you use to make decisions.

It’s better to be smart than lucky. Be prepared: know your limits, know your surroundings and be safe. Your life depends on it.



Interservice volleyball tournament crowns champions

By Walt Johnson
Staff Writer

The Air Force men and the Navy women volleyball teams capped off outstanding team performances to capture the 2005 interservice volleyball championships at Fort Carson, Colo.

While the Air Force men's team would cruise to the championship the Navy women's team had to withstand a furious rally by the Air Force women's team to earn its championship.

The championship tournament began with the same match up that would end the tournament for the women's side, Navy meeting Air Force. Navy dropped the first game to the Air Force 25-21 and then came back to win 25-16, 25-16 and 25-22. It would be Navy's only action of the first day of competition.

In the second game involving women's teams on the first day of action the Marines defeated the Army team 25-18, 25-14, 22-25 and 26-24. The victory for the Marines was significant because this was the first time in two years the Marines have been able to field a women's team because of service commitments. While they did not have the best team the Marines coach Peter Cruz brought a team determined to be a factor in this year's tournament. Defeating the defending champions on the first day proved this team was going to have to be taken seriously.

After losing to the Marines the defending champion Army team found itself in a must win situation against an Air Force team that was smarting from the lost to the Navy in the first round. Army gave it a great effort but the Air Force was able to pull off a 25-20, 25-22 and 25-20 victory.

On the men's side, the Air Force began its run to the title by defeating the Navy 25-23, 25-17, 22-25 and 25-22. After the Army defeated the Marines in five matches 12-25, 22-25, 25-21, 25-19 and 25-17,



Photo by Walt Johnson

The Air Force men's team wrapped up their champion quest with a victory over the Marines.

Army was in a position to take control of the tournament if it could beat Air Force.

Air Force had other thoughts and pulled out a four match victory 25-21, 25-23, 17-25 and 25-18 to finish the first night of the tournament undefeated.

Both the Air Force men and Navy women tightened its grip on the tournament the second day of action. Air Force defeated the Marines to take a 3-0 record into the third day of the tournament while the Navy followed up its first round win over Air Force with wins over the Marines and Army to also take a 3-

0 lead into the third day of the tournament.

The third day of the tournament could have been the day both the Air Force men and Navy women put the championship away but the other service teams had something to say about that.

Air Force's women's team knew the only way it could win the interservice title was to beat the Navy as the second round of the tournament began. Air Force responded to the challenge by winning a four set thriller 26-24, 25-22, 20-25 and 15-7 to give each team a 3-1 record.

Air Force's men's team could have also put a stranglehold on the men's title if it could defeat the Navy men's team. After going through the first round undefeated and watching the other service teams knock each other off, Air Force with a victory would have mathematically wrapped the championship. Navy however had other ideas and beat the Air Force team in five sets 25-20, 21-25, 25-18, 18-25 and 15-8.

In the nightcap of second round action the Army teams defeated the Marine teams setting up third day action that would determine how the tournament would finish.

On the women's side Air Force and Navy each defeated its opponents, Army and the Marines respectively, to ensure each would go into the final day's action with 4-1 records.

On the men's side, Air Force defeated the Army to push its record to 4-1 and assure itself of at least a tie for the title. The victory also gave Army its second loss of the tournament and after the Navy won its match, gave each identical 3-2 records going into the final day of action.

The Air Force men had a simple mission, win its game against the Marines and it would succeed Navy as the interservice champions. The Air Force wrapped up the championship by defeating the Marines 25-16, 25-14 and 25-19.

Safety, from Page 1

If you are in a car, never try to outrun a tornado. Tornadoes can change direction quickly and can easily lift up a car or truck.

"Get out and seek shelter in a sturdy building. If in the open country, run to low ground away from any cars," Sergeant Lawrence said. If no shelter is available, get into a ditch or low-lying area. Lie flat and face-down, protecting the back of your head with your arms, he said.

The NCO emphasizes the importance of tornado safety – especially this time of year. The peak season for tornadoes is mid-May through mid-August.

When in doubt, seek cover. Never try to outrun or outdrive a tornado. Have a family plan including a meeting area, an out-of-state resident who knows what's happening and emergency supplies in a safe location. Supplies should include a flashlight, extra batteries, portable radio, first aid kit, and emergency food and water.

Tornado facts:

- Every year, tornadoes cause approximately \$1.1 billion in damages in the United States.
- Colorado is ranked ninth in the country for number of tornadoes annually. Colorado residents can expect an

average of 40 tornadoes every year.

- Two thirds of Colorado's tornadoes develop in May and June.

Recognizing tornado potential:

- A sickly greenish or greenish black color to the sky.
- If there is a watch or warning posted, then the fall of hail should be considered as a real danger sign. Hail can be common in some areas, however, and usually has no tornadic activity along with it.
- A strange quiet that occurs within or shortly after a thunderstorm.
- Clouds moving by very fast, especially in a rotating pattern or converging toward one area of the sky.
- A sound like a waterfall or rushing air at first, but turning into a roar as it comes closer. The sound of a tornado has been likened to that of both railroad trains and jets.
- Debris dropping from the sky.
- An obvious funnel-shaped, rotating cloud or debris such as branches or leaves being pulled upwards, even if no funnel cloud is visible.

(Information for this article was obtained from the Colorado Division of Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Center for Atmospheric Research and www.tornadoproject.com/safety/safety.htm.)

Miller moths make annual flyby

During the warm months, the miller moths migrate to higher elevation-seeking flowering plants to feed on.

File photo

The annual migration of miller moths has begun. The migration normally lasts from four to eight weeks.

The following are a few facts and tips for dealing with these sometimes vexing visitors:

- Seal any obvious openings, particularly around windows and doors. Also, reduce lighting at night in and around the home. This includes turning off all unnecessary lights or substituting non-attractive yellow lights.

- An easy trap to make is to suspend a light bulb over a partially filled bucket of soapy water. Moths attracted to the light will often fall into the water and be killed. Once in the home, the best way to remove the moths is to swat or vacu-

um them or to attract them to traps.

- Although the moth can be considerable nuisance at times, the moths in the home do not feed or lay eggs.

- Insecticides have little or no effect in controlling millers.

Furthermore, new moths that migrate into the area nightly will rapidly replace any moths killed.

- Clean up any dead moths as soon as possible. When large numbers die in your home, there may be a small odor problem if you do not vacuum them up before the fat in their bodies turns rancid. Moths rest in dark areas during the day and come out in full force at night.

(Information courtesy of 21st Civil Engineer Squadron)

Peterson, Thunderbirds entertain captivated crowd with air show



Air show attendees investigate a Navy E-2 Hawkeye. The Hawkeye is the Navy's all-weather, carrier-based tactical battle management airborne early warning command and control aircraft.



Some of the more than 100,000 people who attended the Front Range Air and Space Day air show check out the inside of a C-17 Globemaster III. The C-17 is capable of carrying more than 170,000 pounds of cargo.



Air show patrons visit with an F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot here Saturday. The F-16 was just one of the many aircraft on display during the event. The F-16 is also flown by the Air Force Thunderbirds.



Children explore an Army assault vehicle while a Soldier keeps a watchful eye during the air show. Members of Fort Carson, the U.S. Air Force Academy, Schriever and Buckley Air Force Bases, and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station all lended a helping hand during the event.



Photos by Robb Lingley

Old Colorado City

Historic city celebrates its 'territory days'

Story and photos
by Nel Lampe

Mountaineer staff

The historic town on the city's West Side predates Colorado Springs by a dozen years.

The first settlement at the site was a short-lived town called El Dorado. Started in 1858, El Dorado failed to draw settlers. The next year a group of men met in Denver and started the Colorado Town Company. On Aug. 12, 1859, M.S. Beach, who had been involved in trying to establish El Dorado, and R.E. Cable arrived at the site of what is now Colorado Avenue



Restored Victorian-era homes have been converted into shops.



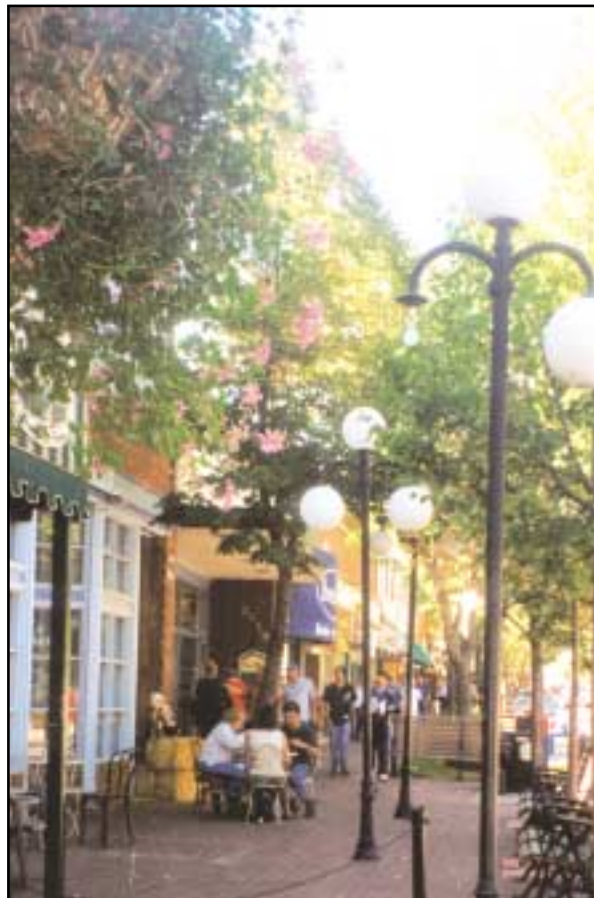
A statue of a prospector and his mule pay tribute to the gold prospector, without whom Old Colorado City would not exist.

and staked the town. It was named Colorado City, to signify the great success the company planned for the new town.

Old Colorado City, as it is now called, celebrates its past with a rip roaring, three-day fest called "Territory Days," a gigantic fest to celebrate the history of Old Colorado City and its importance to Colorado history. The city had a few days of fame when it was named the first capitol of the Colorado Territory back in 1861.

The founders had high hopes for Colorado City to become an important supply town. There were only three ways to reach newly discovered gold fields at Tarryall, South Park and Fairplay: from Denver, Pueblo or Ute Pass. The Colorado City investors were betting on Ute Pass, which was just a trail. The Colorado Town Company hired people to construct a wagon road and paid the crew in town lots.

The town quickly grew, and soon had 200 buildings



Visitors to Old Colorado City enjoy a meal at a sidewalk table and browse the shops.

and homes.

There was no sawmill in the area, so buildings tended to be constructed of rough, hand-sawed log walls. Floors were usually dirt, and roofs were evergreen branches covered with eight or 10 inches of dirt. The trees came from Cheyenne Mountain; some people gathered stones to use as building materials.

Growth and the economy slowed when the Civil War started in 1861, although Colorado had little involvement in the Civil War.

But Colorado City did have a connection with the war. Because Texas Confederate soldiers were heading up the Rio Grande to try to take Colorado's gold fields, the 1st Colorado Volunteers Infantry Regiment was formed and outfitted in Colorado City. The unit became the 1st Colorado Cavalry and defeated 4,000 Confederate troops at Glorietta Pass in New Mexico.

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A horse and carriage awaits riders in front of the pioneer cabin at Bancroft Park.

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Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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Colorado City, from Page 17

Following the Civil War, while helping establish a railroad through Colorado, Gen. William Palmer established Colorado Springs. Palmer envisioned a genteel, resort city to attract the well-to-do.

And just a few miles away was the wild and woolly town of Colorado City, with lots of bars and bordellos, but also an opera house and several churches. The good side of town was conveniently connected with the wild part of town by a network of 12 miles of underground tunnels. The tunnels were used by discreet gentlemen who didn't want to be seen visiting a saloon or bawdy house.

When gold was discovered in Cripple Creek and Victor, Colorado City prospered, along with Colorado Springs. Trains went through Colorado City on their way to Cripple Creek. Several gold mills were established in Colorado City as it was cheaper to send Cripple Creek ore to the downhill Colorado City mills than it was to ship locally mined coal to Cripple Creek.

The Midland Railway's roundhouse from the gold era is near the smokestack remnant of one of the gold mills.

Gold production waned in the early part of the 20th century, impacting Colorado City's economy. Prohibition and World War I also took its toll. Eventually, Colorado City was annexed to Colorado Springs and became known as the "West Side" or "Old Colorado City." The city fell in disrepair.

A refurbishing and restoration effort was undertaken in the 1970s, and completed in time to celebrate Colorado's centennial in 1976.

The revitalized historic shopping area is now a tourist attraction, boasting a variety of eating establishments, night spots, boutique shops, art galleries, stores with unique inventory, a French bakery, a doll factory, Christmas shop and chocolate factory. Michael Garman's Gallery features statuettes of Soldiers, firefighters and Western figures as well as a 1940s era "Magic Town."

The city's pictorial history is depicted in the



Old Colorado City History Center displays memorabilia from the city's early days.



The historic Pioneer Building is in Bancroft Park, site of "Territory Days" activities.

Old Colorado History Center at 1 North 24th St., a Victorian-era church, which will be open during the fest.

The Territory Days Street Festival was Saturday, May 28. Food vendors, crafters, artisans and entertainers gathered along Colorado Avenue, between 23rd and 27th Streets. Food vendors had buffalo burgers, turkey legs and roasted corn ready for hungry visitors. There was trampolines, bounce houses and activities for

Just the Facts

- Travel time 20 minutes
- For ages all
- Type historic town, street fest
- Fun factor ★★★★★
(Out of 5 stars)
- Wallet damage free entry
 - \$ = Less than \$20
 - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
 - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$60
 - \$\$\$\$ = \$61 to \$80

(Based on a family of four)



Bancroft Park is site of a popular Farmers' Market each Saturday, beginning June 11.

children. There was also live entertainment and mechanical bull rides in Bancroft Park.

Old Colorado City is the area between 23rd and 27th Streets. Free public parking lots are ample for ordinary shopping on non-fest days, but during Territory Days parking spaces are scarce.

Old Colorado City hosts other events throughout the year: St. Patrick's Day parade, a Saturday farmers' market is in Bancroft Park beginning June 11.

Scarecrow Days are in October and a Rocky Mountain Christmas event is held weekends in December.

To reach Old Colorado City, take Cimarron (Highway 24 west) to 21st Street, turning right at the sign for Colorado City and the historic shopping area. Go north to Colorado Avenue and turn left (west). Old Colorado City starts at 23rd Street. Or take the Fillmore Exit off Interstate 25, heading west to Coronado High School, and leave the driving to the shuttle. Trips begin at 9:45 a.m.

(Courtesy of the Fort Carson Mountaineer)



Old Colorado City's restored historic shopping district features some unusual shops and restaurants.

GO! Get out!

B-25 on display

A World War II-era B-25 aircraft will be on display through June 12 at the Jet Center at the old airport — go east of Powers on Fountain to Aviation Way. There's no charge to see the B-25; rides are \$375; for information call 567-6177.

Lewis and Clark exhibit open

An exhibit called "Lewis and Clark: the National Bicentennial Exhibition" is open through Aug. 21 at The Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The exhibit includes objects and artwork. The exhibit admission is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children, ages 3 to 17, and includes admission to the museum.

"Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West," is a film showing through today in the museum's IMAX theater.

Check with the museum for film schedules. The museum's number is 800-925-2250, or go online at www.dmns.org

Circus is coming to town

World renowned Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus is at the Colorado Springs World Arena. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16 and 17; at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. June 18 and at 1 and 5 p.m. June 19.

For tickets call 576-2626. Ask about the military discount.

Memorial wall replica coming soon

The Vietnam Wall Experience will be in Colorado Springs July 1 to 4, at the Colorado Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 3825 Airport Rd. The three-quarter size replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. will be open to visitors 24 hours a day.

Drifting demonstration available

Drifting as a sport that started in the mid 1960s on windy, mountain roads near Nagano, Japan. Drivers intentionally and skillfully put their cars into a controlled slide or drift. The drifting is done at high speeds through a marked course. Several of these drivers or showmen, as they are sometimes called, will put on a demonstration from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 23 at Fort Carson's Post Exchange. The event is free.

Spring-spree ready to go

Colorado Springs' annual fest, "Spring-spree," takes place from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 18, downtown, along Tejon Street from Boulder on the north to Costilla on the south. Find your favorite fest food and catch entertainment, music, antique cars, demonstrations and more. Use the city garage at 127 E. Kiowa or 130 S. Nevada for \$3, or ride a city bus downtown for free that day. For information, visit Springspree.com.

ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today	Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Dinner:</u>	<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Dinner:</u>	<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Dinner:</u>
Herbed Baked Chicken Stuffed Cabbage Rolls Southern Fried Catfish Black-eyed Peas with Rice Mashed Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Peas	Mexican Baked Chicken Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce Stuffed Green Pepper Baked Macaroni and Cheese Steamed Rice Fried Cabbage Carrots Black-eyed Peas	Lasagna Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Sweet Italian Sausage Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Polonaise Cauliflower Italian Style Baked Beans	Crispy Baked Chicken Cajun Meat Loaf Grilled Steak Baked Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Frozen-style Peas Glazed Carrots	Fish Almondine Stir Fry Chicken with Broccoli Pork Chops with Mushroom Gravy Risssole Potatoes Rice Pilaf Calico Corn Club Spinach Fried Okra	Tuna and Noodles Sauerbraten Parmesan Chicken Breast Au Gratin Potatoes Steamed Rice Cauliflower Combo Peas Fried Cabbage	Ginger Barbecue Chicken Breaded Fried Shrimp Spinach Lasagna Orange Rice Mashed Potatoes Black-eyed Peas Lima Beans Corn O' Brien
<u>Dinner:</u>	<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Dinner:</u>	<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Dinner:</u>	<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Dinner:</u>
Roast Loin of Pork Jaeger with Mushroom Sauce Glazed Cornish Hen Potato Halves Orange Rice Carrots Simmered Pinto Beans Corn Combo	Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce Baked Chicken Hot Italian Sausage Peppers and Onions Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Polonaise Carrots	Roast Turkey Baked Canned Ham Raisin Sauce Fish and Fries Mashed Potatoes Corn Bread Dressing Succotash Tempura Vegetables Herbed Green Beans	Breaded Onion-Lemon Fish Pork Schnitzel Steak Beef Yakisoba and Spaghetti Baked Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Simmered Pinto Beans Spinach Stewed Tomatoes	Paprika Beef Barbecue Beef Cubes Chicken Fajitas O'Brien Potatoes Steamed Rice Cauliflower Corn on the Cob Lima Beans	Southern Fried Catfish Barbecue Spareribs Oven Fried Chicken Red Beans and Rice Macaroni and Cheese Collard Greens Black-eyed Peas Glazed Sweet Potatoes	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.