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Peterson's Triangle Area development plan created

By Jennifer Ledford
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

When the new commissary and BX open in July at Pete East, they will vacate a prime piece of real estate on Peterson, known as the "Triangle Area."

While temporary use of the Triangle Area is yet to be determined by the Wing Facilities Board, a long-range plan developed by the civil engineer squadron has already caught the attention of the Federal Planning Division of the American Planning Association, said Al Rohr, chief of Base Development with the 21st Civil Engineers Squadron.

The Federal Planning Division of the APA awarded the 21st CES and Rexroad APG for its future redevelopment plan for the Triangle Area.

In cooperation with contracting organization Rexroad APG, the 21st CES

created a scheme comprised of "a vastly improved Beaux Arts roadway configuration, new administrative facilities, pedestrian oriented community retail mall with integrated temporary lodging and a new home for the National Security Space Institute," said Timothy Fox, community planner for 21st CES.

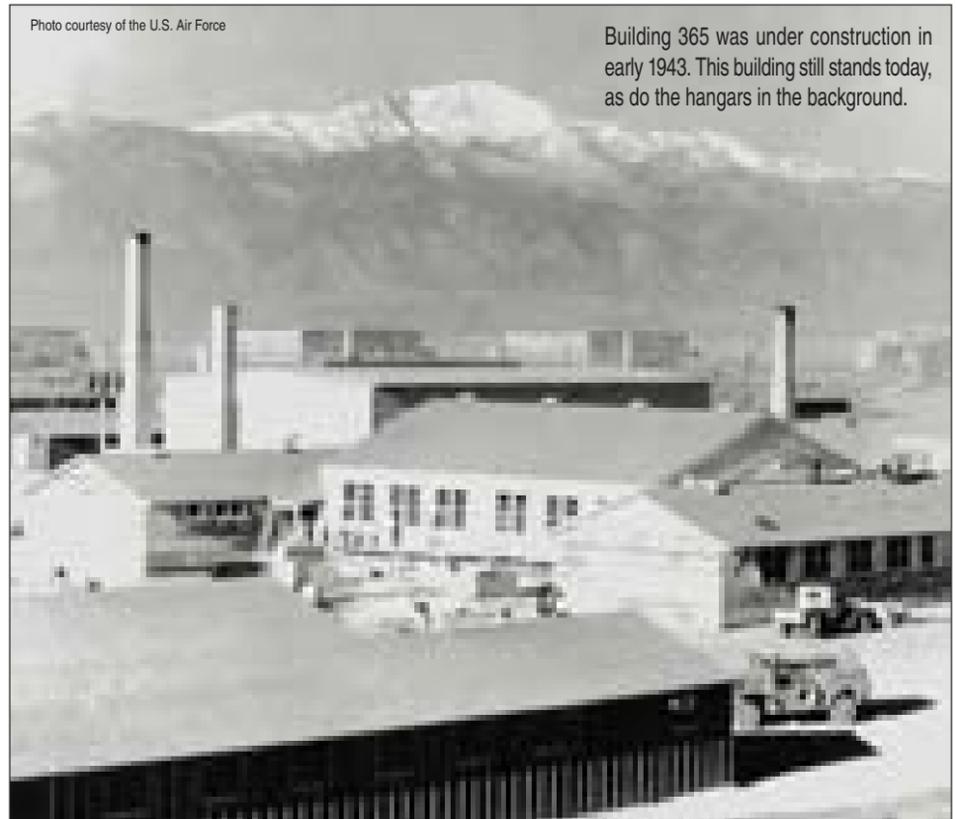
The planners based the design on site investigations, a traffic study, research on base needs as well as alternative plans to generate the most productive version of the final plan.

The redevelopment presents an opportunity for a "new, improved first impression to the installation via the new west gate," said Mr. Fox.

The plan boasts a "functional mix of design and planning techniques by including the symbolic architectural character of the buildings and salient site characteristics," he said.



This diagram shows the planned development for the "Triangle Area," where the commissary and BX are currently located. The concept plan calls for administrative facilities and a pedestrian oriented retail area.



Base celebrates 65 years

By Jeff Nash
Peterson museum

"Just sagebrush, jack rabbits and rattlesnakes..." That's how retired Air Force Chief Warrant Officer James Chastain described a patch of Colorado prairie when he arrived here in June 1942.

Chastain was a member of the newly-formed 7th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 2nd Photographic Group, Army Air Forces, the first flying unit to arrive at the new Colorado Springs Army Air Base. There was a frenzy of activity and new construction, with more troops arriving every day.

On April 28, 1942, Army Air Forces officers in Colorado Springs issued General Order No. 1, creating the base and the Photographic Reconnaissance Operational Training Unit. Officials selected the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport, established in the mid 1920s, as the site for the new air base. The base's first commanding officer, Lt. Col. David Hutchison, arrived May 6. He and his staff immediately went to work supervising base construction and organizing the new photo reconnaissance training school. The school's

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Space professional development pilot program achieves milestone

By Tech. Sgt. Kate Rust
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

The first course of a five-course, space certificate pilot program initiated by Air Force Space Command and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs concludes this month for 20 space professionals.

The goal of this "first-of-its-kind" program is to increase the technical foundation of space pros and encourage them to pursue advanced academic degrees relevant to the space professional career path.

"This Systems Engineering class kicked off in January, and the 20 space professionals who attended — officers and enlisted (selected from Peterson, Schriever and Buckley Air Force Bases in Colorado and F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.) — had very positive feedback," said Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klotz, AFSPC vice commander.

"This particular program focuses on work-related disciplines that have made me more productive in my job."

Capt. Stephan Cummings,
21st Operational Support Squadron

"The members of this initial cadre are completing a space certificate program, which they can apply to a master's degree in space operations; systems engineering; engineering management; or business administration (with an emphasis in space)," the general said.

The results of the UCCS pilot program will

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Blueprint 2050 provides plan for future

Commentary by Brig. Gen. (Sel)
Jay G. Santee

21st Space Wing commander

During my Commander's Calls on 18 and 19 April, I discussed the Peterson 2050 Blueprint Plan – "Envisioning the Future." I wanted to provide a little more information and emphasize the importance of planning for the future.

In the next 20-25 years, Colorado Springs is projected to be the largest city in Colorado, surpassing Denver proper. This growth forced us to look at the impacts of encroachment and what we needed to do now to prepare for the next 50 years. "...Provide Unsurpassed Installation Support and Protection..." is the second element of our 21st Space Wing Mission Statement – encroachment is a risk to our mission.

Due to this projected growth, in an effort to solidify the safety and security of Peterson AFB, we developed a plan for the future – the 2050 Blueprint Plan. The plan is to lessen encroachment issues, deter potential terrorist attacks, establish more defensive security measures and allow for sustainable growth of existing and future missions.

The importance of this plan can not be overstated given that Peterson AFB is the head-



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quarters for Air Force Space Command, NORAD/USNORTHCOM, Army Space Missile Defense Command, 21st Space Wing, and the 302nd Airlift Wing. Peterson also provides airlift deployment capabilities for all local bases to include the Fort Carson Army troops and equipment.

The 2050 plan is postured to allow for the development and security of our known requirements as well as the inevitable future mission bed downs that are unknown at this time. There are three facets to Peterson's 2050 Blueprint Plan: borders, internal base layout and traffic access and interface.

We have assessed potential expansion areas around Peterson and are in the

process of working with city, state and federal representatives, as well as higher headquarters to procure the availability of land for expansion. The internal base layout is focused on a "smarter" layout. Lastly, traffic access and interface refers to the safe and expeditious entrance and exit off base. All three gates will receive major overhauls. I ask that you all use patience and extreme caution during these gate improvements and until new safety measures can be implemented.

The Peterson 2050 Blueprint Plan is part of the bigger General Base Plan. To get more information on the Base General Plan, please go to Pete Central at, <https://halfway.peterson.af.mil/epic21/egp/index2.htm>. I challenge each of you visit this site, review the plan and make recommendations through the Web site.

We also post updated information on the Peterson 2050 Blueprint Plan on our public web page at <http://www.peterson.af.mil/library/blueprint2050/index.asp>. If you have questions, please contact 21st Space Wing Public Affairs at 556-5185.

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CENTAF leaders visit nontraditional places

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SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNEWS) — The commander and command chief for U.S. Central Command Air Forces made a round-robin tour of locations April 20 in Southwest Asia where Airmen are performing duties never done before in places where you normally don't find Air Force members.

Lt. Gen. Gary L. North and Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard T. Small visited the 586th Expeditionary Mission Support Group and the 70th and 424th Medium Truck Detachments.

The Airmen of the truck detachments run convoys daily through some of the most hazardous parts of the CENTCOM area of responsibility, providing a steady stream of much needed supplies. This is a mission that normally would fall to Soldiers, but due to the complexity and ever-changing face of the modern battlefield, the Airmen have stepped in to support this role.

"Here we have young (staff sergeants) and (tech. sergeants) taking convoys the equivalent distance of Key West to Bangor, Maine," General North said. "Any second of their day they can be shot at. They could be hit with an IED or faced with a mechanical failure."

The general and command chief lauded the members of the 586th for their bravery, professionalism and ability to adapt in the face of adversity.

The next stop on the tour was Camp Bucca, Iraq, to meet with Airmen in the 586th and 886th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadrons. Camp Bucca is an Army base that is home to a theater internment facility, a facility manned and guarded by Airmen of the 886th ESFS.

The 586th ESFS mission involves providing force protection, running presence patrols and



Lt. Gen. Gary L. North receives a briefing from an Airman of the 586th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at Camp Bucca, Iraq. Camp Bucca is one of the many places in the U.S. Central Command Air Forces area of responsibility where Airmen are doing nontraditional jobs supporting the war on terrorism. General North is the CENTAF commander.

conducting IED sweeps to help ensure the safety of coalition military members, civilian contractors and Iraqi civilians. This has proved to be a very dangerous task in the past, as three Airmen have been killed performing these duties.

The CENTAF leaders toured the areas run by the Air Force and listened to the Airmen's stories. The general and the command chief made it clear the Airmen were the "rock stars," not themselves.

Chief Small stayed an extra day to visit Airmen assigned to Detachment 1 of the 586th Expeditionary Mission Support Group at Camp Patriot.

Camp Patriot, situated on a naval base in the

CENTAF AOR, is run by the 586th EMSG for the Army. Thirty-two Airmen reside and work on Camp Patriot, surrounded by Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, miles from the nearest Air Force unit. A close relationship is also maintained with host-nation officers.

Most people would never expect to find Airmen on a naval base. This is just one more testament to the adaptability and resilience of today's Airmen, Chief Small said.

"You are here on a naval base carrying on 230 years of tradition," Chief Small said. "The Air Force does not write doctrine on what you are doing here. But what you do here is vital to the war effort."

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Enlisted heritage: A force that binds us together

By Master Sgt. Gerd Scheller
Enlisted Dining Out chairman

Heritage. You've heard a lot of this term as a part of the Air Force's 60th anniversary celebration, but what is it? Some would say it's something someone is born to. It could be a legal inheritance, or that it is passed from generation to generation. To people in the military, I believe it's much more.

There are many organizations that claim heritage but it's normally not the same. When was the last time you heard an employee say, "I'm in Wal-Mart...or I'm in Safeway?" Probably not, but you'll hear an Airman, Marine, Soldier or Sailor profess,

"I'm in the military."

It's our heritage that ties us together. How exactly does this happen? We recognize the things that make us unique; our dress, our customs and courtesies, or even the way we socialize. We draw solidarity through our experiences, and we have a strong bond forged from the duty we are united to perform. Perhaps the strongest of these is the unlimited liability clause, meaning we have agreed to, if called upon, to put ourselves in mortal danger at the behest of our Nation.

Those who have accomplished this duty in the past, at the end of their time have faithfully handed their legacy, their best, to

us. It's up to us to now take this heritage of courage, duty, honor, country and make it our own. We must carry it forward, so that when we turn it over to the next Airmen who graduate from basic training, they won't wonder how we could have let it slip.

On May 11, we'll have a special opportunity to remember the past and look toward the future, we'll be able to celebrate and share in our heritage through an Enlisted Dining Out. Take the time to reflect upon the legacy we have built as enlisted men and women. If you've attended a dining out before, make sure to enthusiastically share this with your Airmen, do your part to carry on our heritage.

Enlisted Dining Out

The Enlisted Dining Out is May 11. Social Hour begins at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 for E-4 and below, \$20 for E-5 and E-6, and \$25 for E-7 and above. Dinner choices include London broil, roasted stuffed chicken and a limited number of vegetarian main courses.

For information, contact Staff Sgt. Alexander Rodriguez at 556-3444 or Staff Sgt. Jessica McNabb at 556-1609, or see any first sergeant for ticket information.

Air Force Assistance Fund contributions change lives

By Airman 1st Class Nicholas Stowers
Det. 6, Air Force News Agency

LAJES FIELD, Azores (AFNEWS) — When hard times come, Airmen should not hesitate to ask for help. One Lajes Field Airman was in need so he turned to the Air Force Aid Society.

Senior Airmen Matthew Reindl works in the 65th Air Base Wing Finance Office by day, and is a husband and father of three by night.

"Since we've been here at Lajes, we had to go home for a family funeral," Airman Reindl said. "The family did interest free loans for air fare and hotel expenses in order to go home."

Airman Reindl said his experiences with the Air Force Aid Society have made his own Air Force Assistance Fund contributions even more meaningful to him, an experience he shares with other Airmen in need.

"Working in finance, I see ... other people in the military having problems," the Airman said. "At that point you can suggest, 'We might not be able to do much for you, but the Air Force Aid Society and other associations might be able to help you out.'"

The Air Force Assistance Fund is an annual fund-raiser designed to raise money for charities that support military members and their families. Airmen have four charities to choose from to make a donation; the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Village Foundation, the Air Force Enlisted Village Foundation, and the Curtis E. Lemay Foundation.

The official end date for the Air Force Assistance Fund is May 4. Airmen can make contributions through their unit AFAF representatives. For more information on contributing and the organizations, visit the AFAF Web site at: www.afassistancefund.org.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nicholas Stowers

Senior Airman Matthew Reindl takes time to play with his son at the park after work April 20 at Lajes Field, Azores. The Reindls are one of many families helped by grants and loans from the Air Force Aid Society, which is one of the five Air Force Assistance Fund organizations to which Airmen can make a contribution.

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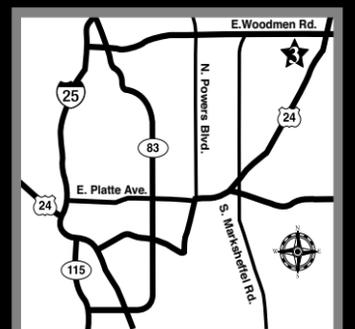
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Father daughter dance

An Air Force officer dances with his daughter April 14 during the Father Daughter Dance at the Fort Carson Special Events Center. More than 200 military fathers and their daughters from bases all over the Colorado Springs area attended the dance.



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A Lease Signing Town Hall meeting is 5:30 to 7 p.m. May 9 at the base auditorium. Answers to frequently asked questions, the Actus Power Point presentation from the previous Town Hall meeting and the Peterson Power Point presentation can all be found at www.peterson.af.mil. Housing officials are also available to provide unit briefings. For information on briefings, contact Johnna Phillips at 556-4332.

OAY banquet

The 2006 AFSPC Outstanding Airmen of the Year award banquet is 6 p.m. April 27 at The Club. Dress is Mess Dress or semiformal; cost is \$30 for members, \$33 for nonmembers. RSVP by April 13 to mark.bronson@peterson.af.mil.

Dining out

The Enlisted Dining Out is 6 p.m. May 11 at The Club. Cost is \$15 for E-1 to E-4, \$20 for E-5 and E-6, and \$25 for E-7 to E-9. For information and tickets, call Staff Sgt. Alexander Rodriguez at 556-3444, or Staff Sgt. Jessica McNabb at 556-1609.

Volunteers wanted

Volunteers are wanted for the Special Olympics of Colorado Springs' annual All Schools Track and Field event May 2. For information call Nona Daugherty at 556-6141.

Law Day program

The 21st and 50th Space Wing law offices are having a Law Day program at 11:30 a.m. May 1 in the Building 350 atrium on Peterson. Guest speaker is retired Brig. Gen. Jarrise Sanborn, former staff judge advocate of Air Mobility Command. Box lunches are available for \$5.50; contact Capt. Alan Spencer at 556-9258 or Staff Sgt. Emily Smith at 556-4403 for information and to RSVP.

MOAA meeting

The Military Officers Association of America, Pikes Peak Chapter, is having its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. May 3

at The Club. Guest speaker is Steve Fleet, Missile Defense Agency. Cost for the luncheon is \$12; for reservations contact Karin Manning at 574-1986 by May 1.

Promotion ceremony

The monthly Team Pete Induction and Promotion Recognition Ceremony is 3 p.m. April 30 at The Club Annex (former Enlisted Club).

ADHD presentation

The Airman & Family Readiness Center offers an Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder presentation from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 4 at Building 350, room 1203. The presentation is part of its Brown Bag Lunch and Learn series; guest speaker is Dr. John Drozd. Call 556-6141 for information.

Spouse appreciation day

The Armed Services YMCA is having a Military Spouse

Appreciation Day May 8 (registration for childcare begins April 2). Call 622-9622 for information.

Mother's Day brunch

The Club is having a Mother's Day brunch May 13; for reservations call 574-4100 or 556-4181.

Driving seminar

The Peterson auto hobby shop is hosting a parent/teen driving seminar from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 16 at the base auditorium. For information, call 556-4481.

Re-enlist with the Thunderbirds

A re-enlistment ceremony with the Thunderbirds is 1 p.m. May 28 at Hangar 119. Re-enlistees must contact the MPF Re-enlistment Section at 556-9214 at least 10 duty days prior. For information and flightline access, contact Master Sgt. Kristin Clark at 556-9226.



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Education grant

Each quarter, the Space Top 3 offers three junior enlisted Air Force Space Command members an opportunity to apply for a \$100 grant from the Enlisted Education Assistance Program. Senior Master Sgt. Suzette Cherry (left), Space Top 3 EEAP chair and Senior Master Sgt. Clyde Hickerson (right), Space Top 3 vice president, present Staff Sgt. Sarah Bensch, AFSPC/vice commander enlisted aide and Tech. Sgt. Richard Jensen, AFSPC/Logistics and Communications Directorate with the award April 10. The third winner, Staff Sgt. Jaclyn Knipp, AFSPC/AC3Y, was unavailable for the photo. Applications are accepted from E-1 through E-6 (including E-7 selects), with supervisor approval.

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65 years: The Cold War begins

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mission was to organize and prepare new reconnaissance and aerial mapping squadrons for combat service. Reconnaissance was a fairly new military capability and it was needed overseas quickly.

Construction began at a furious pace within a week of base activation. The first troops arrived May 13. First living in tents on the base, they were later placed in and around Colorado Springs until barracks were built.

"Some of my squadron mates lived in the Kaufmann Building (a Colorado Springs landmark) and took baths at the City Auditorium," Mr. Chastain explained. "I lived first at a youth camp near the present-day Air Force Academy before being sent up to Lowry Field in Denver. Since we didn't have any suitable runways yet, our airplanes were flown and maintained at Lowry."

Construction crews completed new runways in August 1942, and skies over Colorado Springs soon buzzed with reconnaissance versions of P-38 fighters and larger B-25 and B-17 bombers. Base construction continued until summer of 1943 and cost nearly \$13 million.

Most buildings and facilities were temporary, or in the words of the time, "built for the duration of the war." Many of these buildings still survive today, such as Building 391 (currently occupied by the HQ AFSPC Inspector General), Building 615 (the Peterson Thrift Shop), and the warehouses and office buildings currently used by base supply. Most of the original aircraft hangars and maintenance shops exist today along the Peterson flight line.

In December 1942, officials changed the base name to Peterson Army Air Base, in honor of Lt. Edward J. Peterson, the operations officer of the 14th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron. A Colorado native, he died as a result of a plane crash at the base the previous August. The base was commonly called Peterson Field,

or "Pete Field" for short.

Reconnaissance training continued into late 1943, when the first of several base mission changes took place during the war. In November 1943, Peterson Field transformed into a combat crew training school, turning out 10-man B-24 "Liberator" bomber crews for assignment to overseas combat units. The 383rd Bombardment Group relocated here from Geiger Field, Washington, to form the nucleus for the training school. Before the school disbanded in the summer of 1944, hundreds of B-24 crew members passed through Peterson Field for two to three months training in strategic bombing.

Peterson Field then took on fighter pilot training, with the 268th Army Air Forces Base Unit using P-40 "Warhawks." The 72nd Fighter Wing, headquartered here during this time, oversaw operations at six other fighter training bases in the Southwest United States. Fighter training took place until April 1945, when the base transitioned again into an Army Air Forces instructor school.

As World War II drew to a close in August 1945, so did the need for Peterson Field. The base closed in December 1945 and the property returned to Colorado Springs while the United States demobilized from war. Apart from two brief reactivations between 1947 and 1949, the base belonged once again to jackrabbits and rattlesnakes. But as the 1950s approached, a new threat emerged. A new conflict of ideologies known as "the Cold War" was about to begin. Along with the new U.S. Air Force, Peterson AFB would play a large role in that conflict.

(2007 marks the 65th anniversary of the establishment of Peterson Air Force Base. This is the first of a series of articles detailing the story of the base and other Air Force activities in Colorado Springs, from World War II to the present.)



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Lieutenant Edward J. Peterson was the first Colorado native to lose his life at the new base. At his wife's request, his ashes were scattered over Pikes Peak.

Space: Certificate program

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determine the future of the space certificate program. This pilot program is a prototype, said Dr. William Ayen, senior instructor of information systems, College of Business, UCCS. What UCCS learns from this will be made available to other education consortium institutions to use as a model for future space professional programs.

"UCCS is fully behind this initiative," Dr. Ayen said. "This is a significant opportunity to serve not only the community, but all other Air Force Space Command personnel around the world with an online program."

Capt. Stephan Cummings, 21st Operational Support Squadron at Peterson AFB, is a student in the class: "Any pro-

fessional education for officers and enlisted increases capability and efficiency," he said. "This particular program focuses on work-related disciplines that have made me more productive in my job."

The program, which is funded by AFSPC, ties directly to space acquisitions and operations and helps improve the technical competence of the Air Force and its space professionals.

Students see benefits from the program as more than just graduate education.

"This course directly relates to my acquisitions career field," said 1st Lt. Luke Rostowske, 2nd Space Operations Squadron at Schriever AFB, "so I consider it professional development as much as education."

Senior Airman Jonathan Morris, 1st SOPS, also at Schriever, said he was hoping to gain

an expanded understanding of space operations from a managerial or engineering standpoint. "I think this course will prompt new ideas to conduct space operations, whether it's through developing new (concepts) or how we employ current assets to enhance space capabilities to the warfighters," he said.

Students take one course per term through distance learning and off-duty classroom attendance. The space certificate program consists of the following courses:

- Systems Engineering Management
- Space and Space Systems
- Information and Communications Systems
- Space Role in National Policy
- System Lifecycle

The program provides a foundation of space-related technical and managerial coursework, and students have a variety of technical and non-technical backgrounds. Credits earned from the program can be

applied to one of four master's degree programs available through UCCS:

- Master of Engineering in Space Operations
- Master of Engineering in Systems Engineering
- Master of Engineering in Engineering Management
- Master of Business Administration (space emphasis)

Among the eligibility requirements, applicants must be part of the space professional community; must have completed at least one bachelor's degree, but not a master's degree; and officers must be within their first six years of service, while enlisted members must have less than 16 years of service.

For more information on courses and the pilot program, contact the Space Professional Development Office point of contact, Major Harris, at (719) 554-5173 or Tom Boland at (719) 554-7755.

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Peterson Sports and Fitness Center icon retires Tuesday

By **Walt Johnson**
CSMNG

Tuesday will mark the end of an era at the Peterson Sports and Fitness Center.

After 44 and-a-half-years of serving the military community, Ernie Martin, fitness center assistant director, will retire.

Martin has been a fixture at the sports and fitness center for the past 16 years in his civilian role after having served 28-and-a-half-years in the military.

He has seen many things change at the center during the years, but one thing that remained consistent was his desire to give the people on base the best varsity and intramural programs and the best fitness center possible.

Name an event that has taken place, and Martin had a hand in executing, planning or representing the center during the past 16 years. Additionally he has been in the forefront of working with the base populace in day to day activities to insure people got exactly what they needed from their workout of choice.

Martin began his tenure at the fitness center as the intramural director 16 years ago, and needless to say, he has seen a lot of changes in the way the fitness program serves the people at Peterson.

"When I first started, we had 52 teams (in the softball league) where today we have about 22 teams," he said. "What that says to me is the decrease in manpower in the military could be the reason for that. Also the world was a different place when I began 16 years ago. We had money to spend on athletic programs then that isn't available today."

Martin said the belt tightening hasn't been all bad for the people at the fitness center since it has helped the people that work

there become more flexible in taking care of the equipment and people on base. And in this era of budget cutting the center and its staff has been able to help fight the war on terror by cutting operating costs.

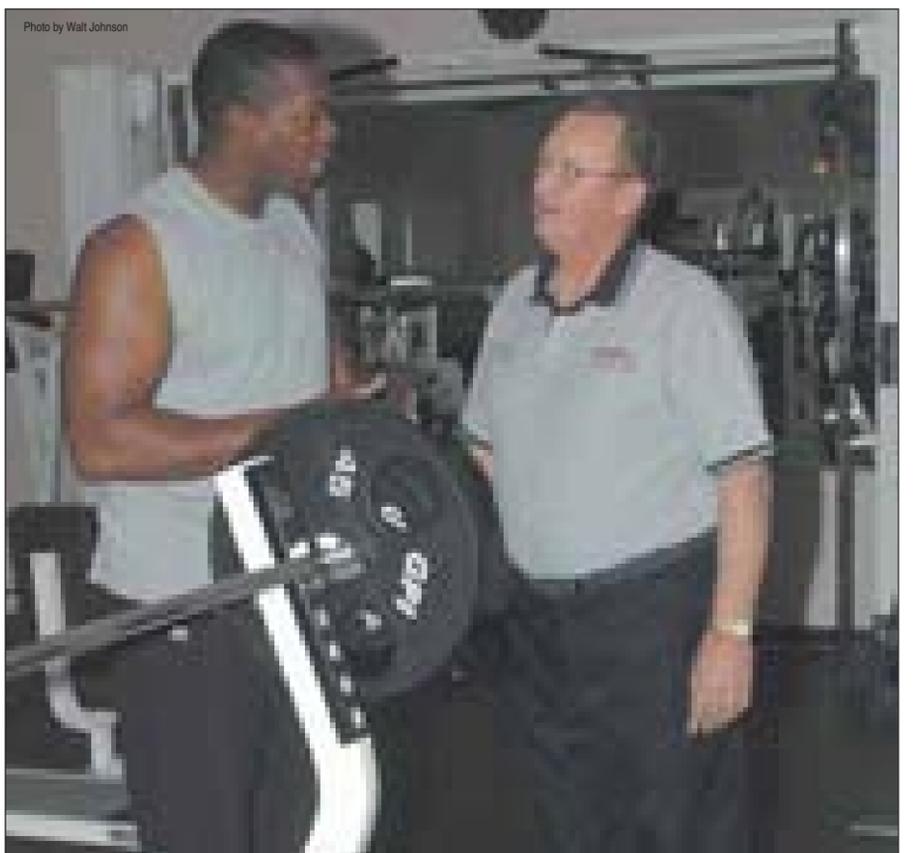
"The belt has also been tightened to the point where our staff members now have to be trained to repair equipment and do other things that we used to be able to pay for," he said. "The good thing about that is we have been able to save Uncle Sam a lot of money because we don't have to pay contractors for these things. We estimate we have been able to save close to \$75,000 dollars a year in maintenance."

Marti said that like most people who have given so much of their time to a cause it is time for him to step aside and give a younger man the opportunity to work in the role he has cherished for years.

Some of the things he will remember most are working with different people, adjusting to different attitudes about how things could be done, working with the many different staff members and working with people of different rank structures. He also said he will fondly remember the wall of fame recognition program that was started during his watch.

"I wanted to see more recognition for the athletes that did special things in sports here," he said. "We now have the ring of fame in the hallway of our facility. We select up to two people a year for the honor and they had to have done well beyond the normal things that people do in athletics and the base community to get the honor."

Martin will leave the base on May 1, and the state by the end of May as he and his wife move on to the next phase of their life. He said he wishes the people here well and



Ernie Martin, right, discusses an issue in the weight room with Peterson's Mark McGee recently at the base sports and fitness center.

knows what he will miss most.

"I will miss the people I work with and the people I associate with every day when I leave. It's like being with family the way we work as a team. But I also had to look at the fact that at my age and after 44 years I have contributed a lot to the active duty and retiree community. So now it's time for me to relax a little bit. My wife and I are going to move to Florida so we can be closer to my

children and get away from this cold weather. It's been an experience that everyone would have to go through to really understand fully. I wish everyone the best of luck in whatever they choose to do in the future. I hope that people will remember to always keep in mind that the people you work for and the people you work with should always work together as a team," Martin said.

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Intramural soccer

Members of the Peterson intramural soccer community began its five-on-five season April 17 with games on the outdoor soccer field behind the base sports and fitness center. The season is scheduled to run through May with games on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

Golf scramble

The Air Force Academy legal office is having a golf scramble starting at noon May 4 at the Academy's Eisenhower Blue Course. Cost is \$50 per person for military and DoD civilians; \$85 for all others. Registration includes cart, use of driving range, food and beverage, greens fees, and hole prizes. For information, contact Capt. Aaron Haase at 333-0739.

Relay race

The Space Race - a 24-hour relay race - begins at 7 a.m. May 5 at the Peterson Fitness and Sports Center. Relay teams will consist of 10 individuals; four categories are available including:

- 17 and younger
- Student open (ages 18 to 22)
- Recreation adult
- Competitive adult

Plaques will be presented to the first, second and third place teams in each category. Each member of the first place teams will receive a commemorative medal. All participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Entry fee is \$100 per team. For an entry form, visit www.21svs.com.

Golf tournament

The Peterson Firefighters Association is having a charity golf tournament and barbecue April 27 at the Silver Spruce Golf Course; Shotgun start is at 9 a.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Cost is \$40 to \$60, depending on rank, and includes green fees, cart and lunch at the fire station. For information, call David Reynolds at 556-0143.

Fitness center hours changed

Effective immediately, the Fitness and Sports Center will be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on all 21st Space Wing Family Days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. For information, call 556-4462.

Intramural Sports Standings

2007 Intramural Racquetball Standings - April 20

1. **21st Services**, eight team wins, two team losses, 33 individual matches won, 1163 total points scored.
2. **Det. 4, AFOTEC**, seven team wins, three team losses, 20 individual matches won and 604 total points scored.
3. **USNORTHCOM 2**, six team wins, three team losses, 22 individual matches won and 875 total points scored.
4. **AFSPC/IG**, six team wins four team losses, 22 individual matches won, and 953 total points scored.
5. **USNORTHCOM 1**, five team wins, five team losses, 19 individual matches won, 786 total points scored.
6. **367th RCS**, five team wins, five team losses, 18 individual matches won and 745 total points scored.
7. **AFSPC/CSS**, five team wins five team losses, 17 individual matches won, and 734 total points scored.
8. **21st Mission Support Squadron**, four team wins, six team losses, 14 individual matches won and 655 total points scored.
9. **AFOSI Region 8**, three team wins, seven team losses, 13 individual matches won and 584 total points scored.

10. **21st Civil Engineers**, three team wins, seven team losses, 15 individual matches won and 706 total points scored
11. **614th SCS/SCZ**, one team win, eight team losses, 8 individual matches won and 569 total points scored.

Monday-Wednesday Competitive Night volleyball standings - April 20

1. AFSPC/ALL, 8-0;
2. 21st LRS, 6-2.
3. 1st Space Control Squadron, 5-3;
4. 21 MXG, 3-5.
5. 721st Mission Support Group, 2-6.
6. 21st Medical Group, 0-8.

Tuesday-Thursday Competitive Night volleyball standings - April 20

1. NORAD/USNORTHCOM, 6-1;
2. Team Colorado, 6-1.
3. AFSPC/A2, 5-2;
4. Det 4 AFOTEC, 2-4.
5. 21st SW/DS, 1-6.
6. 76th SPCS, 0-6.