



October is Energy Awareness Month

CFC kicks off following shutdown



the campaign has been canceled and the event will now begin with the Spooktacular Chili Cook-off.

"Schriever members, in teams of no more than four, will have a chance to put their chili and creativity up for six prizes, to include best taste, most unique, judge's choice, spiciest chili, best decorated table and best costume," said Jones. "We are asking those tasting to provide donations, E-5 and above \$5 and E-4 and below \$3, that will benefit the CFC charities involved."

Prior to the kick off, a new event coined Penny Wars will begin to generate interest.

"Containers with each of the group commanders and their respective chiefs will be labeled in front of the Dish," said Jones. "People can put money in the container for the leadership they wish to see receive a pie in the face. Collections will begin Friday at lunch at the Dish, and will go until noon on the day of the CFC kickoff."

At that time, the commander and the chief with the most donations will have a chance to either receive the pie, or buy themselves out of the situation. Proceeds for this event will also go toward CFC charities.

"I would like to encourage you to attend and check out the various organizations you may be able to help this year," said Liquori. "Although this has been a tough fiscal year, it's important to remember we can still help those less fortunate than us."

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The Combined Federal Campaign planning committee has reconvened here after the recent government shutdown delayed the annual fundraising kick-off event.

Originally slated for mid-October, the new CFC kickoff is scheduled for Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"With the Combined Federal Campaign being condensed from Oct. 31 until Dec. 15, I still want

people to keep in mind that the intent is to meet the need of the community and not a specific monetary goal," said Capt. Chasmine Jones, Schriever CFC installation project officer. "There are people in our very own community who need our help and CFC is a way for us as a base to come together and help those in need."

Col. Bill Liquori, 50th Space Wing commander, remarked that even with the shortened timeline, the event is an opportunity for

Schriever to show its strength as a community.

"After receiving word about the end of the recent government shutdown, we immediately began working to reschedule the planned Combined Federal Campaign kickoff," said Liquori. "This is part of the strong start to FY14."

The new date also comes with changes to the event schedule and relocation of all activities indoors at the base's main fitness center. The 5K originally slated to start

DMSP F-19 weathers launch preparation

By Scott Prater
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The Air Force's latest weather satellite may seem like a silent and static piece of technology as it stands in a California hangar in preparation for a springtime launch. But in truth, the spacecraft is already proving its worth.

While crews continue to prepare the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program Flight-19 for launch at Vandenberg's Payload Integration Test Facility, an entirely different group is busy testing the vehicle from 3,000 miles away.

Earlier this month, members of the 50th Operations Group Detachment 1 command and control site, located in Suitland, Md., conducted a data-link test of DMSP F-19 along with members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, spacecraft support contractors and other Department of Defense personnel.

"We're testing for several reasons," said Lt. Col. Dan Daniels, 50 OG Det. 1 commander. "We want to make sure the operations control center can command the satellite, that the satellite can respond to commands, that it's onboard data recorders can downlink test data, which is ultimately transmitted to primary users, and that its primary-user systems can receive and process the data."

This end-to-end testing helps verify that the satellite can do all it was designed to do

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(Courtesy photo)

Defense Meteorological Satellite Program satellites, like the one shown in an artist's rendition here, provide critical strategic and tactical meteorological and environmental data to military and civilian users around the world. The 50th Operations Group Detachment 1 recently conducted a data link test of DMSP Flight 19 as crews prepare the satellite for launch in April 2014.

Did you know?



Did you know the third Built Schriever Tough interview is today? Don't miss a chance to hear from Capt. Colin Merrin, who climbed Mount Everest, and 1st Lt. Nicholas Goirigolzarri, Schriever's Athlete of the Year for 2012 and an All-Air Force Men's Rugby player.

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BASE BRIEFS

TVC holds town hall meeting

Tierra Vista Communities will host its quarterly community information town hall meeting 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Center. Discussion items include Community Enrichment Council updates, weather and winterization tips, utility billing/conservation programs, community support updates and review scheduled community events for November-January. All residents are encouraged to attend, resident engagement is crucial to the growth and enrichment of the community. For more info, please contact Devon Forhan at 719-683-3660.

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