

SGLI benefit increases

The automatic maximum coverage for the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance increases 25 percent, from \$200 thousand to \$250K, April 1.

This coverage increase is a result of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000. The total cost for maximum coverage will be \$20 per month.

According to pay and compensation officials, every Air Force member's SGLI coverage will automatically increase April 1. While final implementation instructions are still pending, officials anticipate each member will have April to elect a lower coverage amount without being charged for the automatic maximum coverage exceeding the member's current elected coverage.

"This increase in coverage is good news for our people. It helps keep pace with the rising cost of supporting our families in case of an unfortunate accident," said Col. Deborah Baker, director of Air Force Space Command Personnel. "The increase from \$200,000 to \$250,000 will be cosmetic for those active-duty members wanting the higher limits. It's a timely action on DOD's behalf and continues to demonstrate our efforts to provide our people with the very best in benefits."

Members may still either decline coverage or elect a reduced level of insurance in multiples of \$10,000, officials said. Cost of coverage remains 80 cents per \$10,000 of coverage.

If people elect to change their coverage after April, they will pay for the maximum coverage for the month of April as well as for any other month in which the level of coverage remains in effect. Existing beneficiaries remain in effect until a member updates their coverage.

Implementation instructions will be available once finalized.

(Courtesy Air Force Space Command Public Affairs)



The U.S. Space Shuttle Atlantis (bottom) undocks from the 140-ton Russian Space Station Mir in April 1996. Mir is losing altitude and scheduled for a controlled re-entry into Earth's atmosphere in late March. U.S. Space Command is providing the Russians with tracking information to help keep the operation safe. (Photo courtesy of NASA)

U.S. provides data to Russians

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**
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United States space specialists here at the Peterson Complex are providing Russian technicians with Mir space station positional data to help ensure the vehicle's safe splashdown in the Pacific Ocean later this month.

Officials from U.S. Space Command are now providing the tracking information through the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to Russia's aviation and space agency — RosAviaKosmos — in Moscow, said USSPACECOM spokesman Maj. Perry Nouis.

"We have an observer role limited to providing data to the Russians," Nouis said. "This is actually routine for us. We've been tracking Mir since it was launched in 1986."

Mir is one of 8,300 orbiting objects USSPACECOM tracks daily to provide space situational awareness and warning against possible incoming ballistic missiles, he said.

The Russians have said Mir's controlled re-entry is strictly their responsibility, Nouis said. Unusual to the operation, though, "is the amount of data and the frequency of updates USSPACECOM is providing the Russians — several times a day."

As Mir gets closer to splashdown — now estimated to occur between Saturday and Tuesday somewhere in the South Pacific between New Zealand and South America — the United States plans to provide hourly updates, he said.

"We're just one source of information for them," Nouis said "The European Space Agency is also providing

Mir tracking information to the Russians."

The former Soviet Union launched Mir's main module into orbit Feb. 20, 1986, Nouis said. After gathering scientific data for more than a decade, the 140-ton space station — with several modules each the size of a school bus — has reached the end of its useful life, he said.

For years, Nouis said, NASA astronauts and Russian cosmonauts have worked together on various projects aboard Mir.

Controlled re-entries of old spacecraft are not anything new for the Russians. They have "directed successful splashdowns of many other units," Nouis said.

The U.S. government has agreed, within its capabilities, to provide Russia with Mir tracking and trajectory data, as well as scientific data on atmospheric conditions, including solar activity, during the de-orbit period, according to a U.S. State Department news release.

USSPACECOM uses its Space Surveillance Network's ground-based radar sensors and telescopes at 19 locations around the world to track the Mir and other objects, Nouis said. The Russians will incorporate U.S.- and European-supplied Mir data with their own.

More than 26,000 items have been shot into Earth's orbit since the Russians launched Sputnik in 1957, Nouis said. More than 17,000 have re-entered the atmosphere since then, he said, with most splashing down in the oceans or disintegrating from friction. Mir is so large, he said, that scientists around the world estimate about 25 tons of it could survive the return to earth.

"There is lots of uninhabited ocean between New Zealand and South America in the Mir target area," Nouis said. Oceans cover 75 percent of Earth's surface.

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Bet you know someone who used it

By Master Sgt. D.K. Grant
21 SW Public Affairs

Bet you know somebody who used it.

I was 20 years old, at my first permanent duty station, and renting a car every other weekend to go to Little Rock and Memphis and other hot spots. I had no idea that I would need money for anything – I lived in the dormitory, didn't own a car. What could I need?

My big sister showed me why we need to set some money (and leave) aside. She wasn't buckled in when she wrecked her Camaro and the head injuries were serious enough that her doctor didn't know how long she would make it. Aunt Joyce called me in Arkansas.

"Come home now."

Uh oh. How? I had very little money and my dad's a teacher and mom's a secretary. Nobody had the money for a flight. Seems the Red Cross needed an emergency message from the doctor, but it was too soon for the doctor to send that kind of message. I was just stuck.

I had a good supervisor though (name was Joe Walsh – yes, really) who took me to the Air Force Aid Society representative. He typed some paperwork, asked if I needed some cash for food and incidentals, asked if I wanted to pay the money back, finished the forms and I left the building. Less than 24 hours after my aunt called, I was in Idaho in the intensive care unit, holding my sister's hand.

The rest of the story is that after two weeks in a coma, she came around and she's with us still. More of the story is that I did pay the money back, and have supported the Air Force

Assistance Fund drive every year since. Out there somewhere is a kid like I was who doesn't know yet to save some money, and leave days, in case the unthinkable becomes reality.

The fund isn't just for that kind of emergency, though, and I'll bet you know someone who has used it at sometime in his career.

You might know a senior officer who, as a youngster with a family, was unexpectedly moved to a new duty station. With a home in one state that was proving impossible to sell, and the need to pay for shelter in the new state, he was stuck and strapped for funds. Luxuries like bread and milk were scarce. A loan from AFAS solved his problem allowing him more time to get the former home sold.

You might know the retired senior NCO who got a loan through the society so she could afford to send her kids to college. If you don't, you can ask the base senior chaplain how that process works, because he knows people who have used the fund for that purpose.

It seems like every time we turn around somebody wants us to give money to yet another good cause. It gets annoying and it's easy to ignore the SOS. But the Air Force Assistance Fund drive is a little different from most charitable fund drives. It's an opportunity to directly help our own when they're in need. You know how you are: you don't ask for help until it's critical. AFAS is there for you, and people like you, so that when you need help now, you have a fast, easy resource to get the aid.

You won't be alone in seeking aid, when you need it. In fact, I bet you already know someone who used it.



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Randy Edwards

First-ever first sergeant review

Tech. Sgt. David C. Pressley salutes in front of Buckley Air Force Base's first-ever First Sergeants Review Board March 5. Pressley, a master sergeant select, was accepted, thereby earning a slot in the First Sergeant Academy at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Board members from left to right are: Senior Master Sgt. Chris Nepute, 566th Information Operations Squadron first sergeant, Chief Master Sgt. Fred Schoettler, 21st Space Wing command chief master sergeant, Lt. Col. Kim Johnson, 821st Support Squadron, and Senior Master Sgt. Richard Markosky Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Denver first sergeant. Not pictured is Chief Master Sgt. Randy Edwards, 821st Space Group. Contact your Squadron or Unit First Sergeant if interested in becoming a first sergeant.

Did you know?

The military career corner web site offers information on many aspects of your Air Force career. Check it out!
[www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/career corner](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/career%20corner)

For more information, call the 21st Space Wing career assistance advisor at 556-4824.

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As a reminder, the Action Line is not a replacement for using your chain of command.

Action Lines can help make the Peterson Complex and the wing a better place to live and work.



Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler

Q. What can be done to reinstall the Internet at the library? I visit the base frequently and enjoyed the Internet access at the library. Then it was suddenly shut down because someone challenged the policy. What is going on with the policy review? Ceasing operations of the Internet was ridiculous. I hope this is resolved quickly. Thank you.

A. Thank you for your interest in the library Internet connection. Although we started Internet service at the library Jan. 16, we had to temporarily suspend this connectivity to complete several additional legal reviews. The reviews were complete Feb. 16 and Internet access was reinstated immediately. We are glad we are providing a service that our customers find useful. Thanks for your patience in this matter. If you have any other questions please call Kathy Kucharski, library manager, at 556-7643.

Q. Can something be done about the cars parked beside the carparks in base housing? I live in the enlisted quarters on Peterson, and cars are parked along the sides—not under the carparks. It makes it very difficult to pull my car into the carport. Thank you.

A. Thank you for your concern about parking in our housing area. Housing rules prohibit parking in areas blocking access to garages and carparks, and our security forces personnel will issue warning tickets for those parked in the wrong areas. On the plus side, we have programmed a project to increase parking for families who live in the duplex and

four-plex units on Tyndall, Selfridge and McGuire. This project is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2002. While this is not an immediate fix, it will alleviate some of the congestion in these areas. If you experience problems, please call either Dan Uresti at 556-7761 or Carl Patty at 556-7947 in the Housing Flight.

Q. When will the chuckhole on Vincent Street in front of the chapel be repaired? An individual broke her ankle because of it. The hole was reported three months ago, but it hasn't been fixed. What type of ground safety do you have on Peterson Air Force Base in this new Air Force?

A. Thank you for your call. CE was aware of the "pothole" and it was repaired on Feb. 26 when the weather became warm enough for the patch to be effective. In general, we cannot repair streets or finish paving projects during cold weather. If you see any damage on base, inside or outside of our facilities, please see the building facility manager or call our CE customer service number at 556-4030. Repairs will be scheduled as soon as possible. If you have any further questions or concerns, please call Lt. Col. Jeff Pitchford, 21st CES, at 556-1430.

E-6 high year of tenure changes to 22 years

WASHINGTON — Air Force personnel officials recently announced the decision to change technical sergeant high year of tenure from 20 to 22 years of service effective July 1.

Enlisted tenures are governed by the Total Objective Plan for Career Airmen Personnel and were last revised in 1991. At that time, technical sergeant length of service was reduced from 23 to 20 years — the same as staff sergeants.

The impending force drawdown was a major factor in deciding to keep both E-5 and E-6 HYT maximums at 20 years. By doing this, involuntary separation programs were, for the most part, avoided, said Senior Master Sgt. Larry Welch, superintendent of force structure plans at the air staff.

With force drawdowns done, and having returned to an era with more stable end-strength, a review of enlisted HYT rates was accomplished in 2000. The review indicated that, while overall HYT rates were on target, some fine-tuning was in order for technical sergeants, Welch said.

"There were several compelling arguments for increasing tech sergeant HYT to 22 years," he said.

"First, it's an opportunity to reward tech sergeants for career advancement and let them stay in the service longer," said Welch. "Second, it establishes a natural HYT bridge between staff sergeant HYT of 20 years and master sergeant HYT of 24 years service.

"Finally, input from the field indicates our enlisted members support the change," Welch said.

"This is the right thing to do," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch. "The change will help us retain our experienced NCOs longer, which will affect mission accomplishment, and the Air Force will be a better place for that."

Although this change is effective July 1, all tech sergeants, regardless of Air Force specialty code, are now eligible to apply for the fiscal 2001 Temporary HYT Extension Program.

This will allow tech sergeants with HYT dates before July 1 to apply for a HYT extension to the 22 years of service point, according to Welch.

People can contact their local military personnel flight for more information. Implementation guidance is forthcoming from the Air Force Personnel Center.

(Courtesy Air Force Print News)



Courtesy photo

No more oil recycling on base

The used oil disposal igloo, known as "Iggy", will be removed the first week of April because of misuse. People continue to leave oil and potentially hazardous household materials (such as anti-freeze, gasoline and paint) in containers around the igloo. Abandoned containers could leak and create a danger to human health and the environment. Dumping such materials could violate environmental laws, making Peterson Air Force Base subject to state and federal fines and penalties. The 21st Space Wing Legal Office was consulted and agrees that the potential threat to the environment as well as the possibility for fines and penalties outweigh the need to maintain the service. Here are some alternate disposal options. (1) Wednesday-Sunday, at the PAFB Auto Skills Center, you can change your oil yourself or they will change it for you, and they will keep the old oil. Call 556-4481 for info. (2) Most oil change facilities will take your oil whether they change it or not. (3) The Air Force Academy will take most types of household waste liquids as well as oil Monday-Friday. Call 333-3852 for more information. (4) El Paso County will have a full-time facility on Marksheffel Road, about four miles north of the base, that will accept oil and other household waste. It will be operational this fall. Until then, El Paso County accepts most household wastes one day in April and one day in September at Penrose Stadium. Call 575-8450 for details.

Guardian Challenge

Annual competition puts space warriors to the test

By Airman 1st Class Brian Hill
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Air Force Space Command's annual space warfighter competition, Guardian Challenge, is May 7-11, at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Six teams from the 21st Space Wing — a services team, a security forces team, a team from the 721st Communications Squadron, a team from the 20th Space Surveillance Squadron, a team from the 5th Space Surveillance Squadron and a team from the Royal Air Force Fylingdales at Mildenhall Air Force Base — will compete.

Guardian Challenge is the only space competition in the Air Force. The event pits the best-of-the-best space warfighters in Air Force Space Command against each other, determining the top space wing teams in the Air Force.

While at Vandenberg, missile combat operations crews, satellite operations crews, remote space tracking

crews, security forces, helicopters, food services specialists, missile maintenance and missile communications crews will demonstrate their capabilities to a team of evaluators.

After 33 years and several name changes, the competition's focus remains the same: recognize the best, and demonstrate the command's warfighting skills.

According to Guardian Challenge officials, the challenge creates competition-tough crews; improves readiness and combat capabilities through preparation, innovation and sharing; enhances esprit de corps and strengthens teamwork across all mission areas in the command.

Team 21 took the Aldridge Trophy (best space operations) last year and in 1998.

The competition is the only peacetime opportunity for Air Force space wing teams to fully demonstrate the effectiveness of their mission training procedures in a competitive environment.



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HQ AFSPC announces annual awards

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Headquarters Air Force Space Command calendar year 2000 award winners were announced during a luncheon at the officer's club March 9.

Gen. Ed Eberhart, AFSPC commander, hosted the luncheon, congratulating all nominees and winners.

Category II Civilian of the Year

Fred Bell, directorate of civil engineering, was awarded Category II Civilian of the Year. Bell enhanced the mission of power production and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems by providing high-quality and user-friendly data to maintainers of the \$1.5 million Space Command facility systems.

Category I Civilian of the Year

Gloria Davila, directorate of financial management, managed and accounted for more than \$525,000 in contracts, travel, supply, IMPAC and other expenses. She provided justification for \$225,000 in contractor support funding, ensuring the ability to meet Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force-directed launch range costing issues.

Company Grade Officer of the Year

Capt. Michael Burk, directorate of operations, manages and executes more than \$10 billion in funding to support AFSPC launch wings for all Department of Defense, civilian and commercial spacelift missions.

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

Master Sgt. David Thorpe, directorate of communications and information, created and implemented a plan to obtain \$60,000 for a comprehensive advanced training program in the areas of radar,



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alex R. Lloyd

Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Force Space Command commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Estrem, AFSPC command chief master sergeant, gather for a photo with HQ AFSPC annual award winners for 2000. Left to right are General Eberhart, Fred Bell, Gloria Davila, Capt. Michael Burke, Master Sgt. David Thorpe, Staff Sgt. Nicole Basnight, Staff Sgt. Shanita Aiken and Chief Estrem.

weather, navigational aids and radio systems.

NCO of the Year

Staff Sgt. Nicole Basnight, office of the inspector general identified a lack of definitive internal processes for handling information within the directorate. She established, and then educated team members on procedures for processing communications

and suspenses.

Airman of the Year

Staff Sgt. Shanita Aiken, director of staff directorate, detailed proficiency training and guidance to new personnel arriving for operation Southern Watch. She managed security for 200 third-country nationals in support of a \$9.9 million construction project.

'Customer-first' credo rings up success

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 16, 2001 — Things are looking up for DoD's grocery chain as restructuring initiatives appear to be bearing fruit.

Implementation of an aggressive revitalization program pleases Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr., DeCA director. He credits his organization's success to providing value to customers while reducing operating costs.

"Customers tell us they appreciate the money they save by shopping at our commissaries, and we're listening," Courter said. "Our 'best value' item program provides prices lower than what you can find downtown on either national brands or private labels, and our produce quality has greatly improved."

Courter said DeCA is striving to increase savings to customers and harness new technology to improve store operations. With better access to commercial grocery item sales and pricing data, for example, DeCA buyers can zero-in on the best deals for commissary shoppers. Courter noted that customer service is improving as commissaries automate how they replenish their shelves.

For years, he said, commissary managers walked the aisles, checked the backrooms and made educated estimates of what they needed to order. Now DeCA is linking its cash register system to its inventory ordering system, so commissaries can reorder based on what is actually sold.

Price comparisons report significant customer savings of up to \$2,000 annually for a family of four. Courter added that preliminary figures now

show customer savings are closing in on DeCA's goal of 30 percent. A part of non-pay military compensation, commissaries sell items to service members and other authorized patrons at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge.

The surcharge is supposed to pay to build new commissaries and renovate existing ones, DeCA officials said. That's not what Courter found when he came on board over a year ago.

"We had funded some operational expenses out of the 5 percent surcharge," he said. "As a result, there was not enough money available to consistently keep the stores in good condition. No one wants to shop at a dilapidated store."

Working with Congress and senior DoD officials, DeCA shifted operational costs to the appropriated fund side of the ledger. This doubled the money available for store upgrades.

Applying commercial practices to DeCA, Courter ordered a top-to-bottom cost and performance review and found some surprising expenses.

"There was one store with abnormally high utility costs for its size and customer base," he said. Officials found the store was sharing space with another facility, but paying the utility bill for the entire building.

In addition to fixing such glitches, closing some under-performing stores — normally smaller facilities with other commissaries nearby — will help increase organizational efficiency, Courter said.

"However, across the system we will be improving our output to customers in terms of service and savings," he said. "In fact, we will expand stores at many locations and even open new stores at installations that will see



Photo by Shane Sharp

Pamela M. Taylor (right), commissary grocery manager, shows commissary customer Edith Mcgee the new Easter basket display in the commissary.

changes in force structure and missions." Such measures, he added, are not taken without consulting the affected military service, the Commissary Operating Board - whose members represent each of the services - the DoD staff and the Congress.

"We need to continually look at our distribution of store hours, consider requests to open new stores, close existing ones and reconfigure others," he said, "all the while keeping within the appropriated dollars we have to run the system."

The agency has increased sales while Courter keeps a keen focus on the primary customers: young active-duty service members and their families. Courter's experience as the commander

of the basic training wing at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, taught him that many young members didn't know they could shop in the commissary.

"These are the very beneficiaries who need the savings most," Courter said. Consequently, Courter said he worked with all military services to introduce new troops to the commissary benefit during initial training.

"Our customers ... want to shop in pleasant surroundings and in the shortest time possible, so we are improving the entire process," Courter said.

The commissary system is an important tool for both military recruiting and retention, Courter noted, adding that customers deserve the best service and facilities possible.

U.S.: Political novice but catching on fast

By Master Sgt. D.K. Grant
21 SW Public Affairs

Women in politics isn't really new, although it may look that way to us (U.S.) because in the grand scheme of things we're still pretty new to politics...and to being a nation for that matter. Still, women through the millennia have been political movers and shakers whether it was on the throne or behind it.

Catherine the Great was a pretty good example of a woman armpit-deep in the political machinations of her country. Depending on who wrote it, history either sees her as a great liberator or a conniving murderer. "Bloody Mary" -- Mary Tudor, Edward VIII's sister -- was one of England's more ruthless queens. She didn't get that moniker from her velvet glove, but from the iron fist it covered. Lady Jane Gray, the 15-year-old who wore the regent's crown for nine short days, went with quiet dignity to the gallows, but some versions of history show her as pretty supportive of the plan to make her heir to Edward's throne. Of course, she hanged for it, and Cousin Mary probably started to earn her nickname with that death.



'Bloody Mary'

Politically powerful women are pretty old hat in England, and somewhat passé in most of Europe. But women who attained elected office were uncommon, and they were often characters, as well.

Lady Nancy Astor was an astonishing choice for public office, partly because she was a Yank. Born in 1906 in Virginia, Nancy Langhorne married Waldorf Astor who rose to viscount in 1919. That was the same year that the outspoken American-born viscountess became the first woman elected to the British House of Commons. A Yank and a woman in the House?! Who would dream the tradition-bound British would do such a thing. But what an incredible choice they made.

In a 1922 speech in New York, Astor said, "I can conceive of nothing worse than a man-governed world except a woman-governed world -- but I can see the combination of the two going forward and making civilization based on...justice and mercy." She advocated joint leadership, equal effort and responsibility for the future of the world.

Margaret Thatcher was another example of the shocking tendency the British have for ruining the betting odds. As the first woman in a European nation to hold the country's highest elected office, Prime Minister Thatcher proved that the English like tenacity more than tradition. Called the "Iron Lady" she led her nation from 1979-1990 and is among modern history's most resolute leaders.

"You turn if you want to. This lady's not for turning," she said in 1980. In 1982, she showed the world what that meant when she led Great Britain to war in the Falkland Islands.

England doesn't have a corner on the powerful-women-market. Golda Meir ranks as one of the most significant leaders in Middle East history and was more than Israel's fourth Prime Minister: She was one of the founders of the State of Israel and a rock on which the courage of her people was based. Born in the Ukraine, she was raised in Wisconsin and began her political life as the leader of the Milwaukee Labor Zionist Party. She immigrated to Palestine in 1921, at only 23 years old, and began the arduous journey to establish her nation. Eminently quotable, she

is remembered for statements like "A leader who doesn't hesitate before he sends his nation into battle is not fit to be a leader."

Ultimately, hers was a simple view and she was known for this foundational statement: "Someday, when peace comes, we may forgive the Arabs for having killed our sons, but it will be harder for us to forgive them for having forced us to kill their sons."

Ten years after the outbreak of the fourth Arab-Israeli war, although she had resigned her position as prime minister, she addressed the United Nations with an appeal to the Arab nations to accept Israel in peace. She was "Mother Courage" to her fledgling nation, and internationally was recognized as a force with which to reckon.

The U.S. may be a chronological tyro, but learning fast is part of the American culture. So it's no surprise that women like Jeannette Rankin, Bella Abzug, Madeleine Albright and Wilma Mankiller have taken their places in political history. Americans like tenacity as much as the Brits do, and these women personified the pit bull tendency Americans have to dig in and hold until the battle is won.

Rankin's battle broke the election barrier for the host of women who have been elected to congress in the decades since she took her seat. She was the lone woman in a political body governed by men for nearly 200 years.

Bella Abzug, who died two years ago, was a character and a hallmark of American "busy-ness". In her trademark wide-brimmed hat, she was indefatigable in her efforts to achieve social justice, human rights, women's rights, and equality. At the age of 51, she took her seat in the House and immediately introduced legislation that called for an end to the Vietnam War, fought for gay rights, and resulted in the creation of Women's Equality Day. Although she lost her bid for the Senate in 1976, her political activities didn't end and at her death in 1998, she headed the Women's Environment & Development Organization, part of Women USA.

Madeleine Albright, former secretary of state and, thus far, the highest-ranking woman in U.S. government history, has more than dig-in-and-win tenacity. She was the hawk of the Clinton administration and her international counterparts knew that they faced a formidable adversary or a staunch ally. Born in



Albright

Czechoslovakia, she was two when her family fled their home to escape the Nazi occupation, and was 11 when her family sought asylum in the United States.

Czech Republic President Václav Havel said it is because of her childhood experiences that "she knows what it means when the powerful decide about the less powerful, and that when they decide spheres of interest among themselves, this always leads to wars and misfortunes."



Mankiller

Cautioning against too narrow a vision, Albright in 1994 told a Harvard audience "National pride can be the custodian of rich cultural legacies; it can unite people in defense of a common good; it can provide a sense of identity and belonging that stretches across territory and time.

"But as we are now reminded daily, when pride in 'us' curdles into hatred of 'them', the result is a narrowing of vision and a compulsion to violence."

Although the United States is a recognized leader in the movement for gender equality, it has yet to place a woman in the executive office. The Cherokee people, however, are leading the U.S. toward that eventuality with the election of Wilma Mankiller as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation. It makes sense, since long before the U.S. existed, the Cherokee people had an established government, laws, a constitution, and specific education patterns and standards.

Even so, for Mankiller, the journey from poverty in an urban ghetto to leadership of a nation of 150,000 people was a difficult and painful one. Part of the problem was the difficult and painful history of the Cherokee people beginning with the forced relocation from Georgia to Oklahoma. In 130 years, the Cherokee people lost their culture, language and right to govern themselves. During the relocation, more than a quarter of nation died (read "The Trail of Tears"). In 1971, the Cherokee people finally regained their right to elect their own chiefs, and in 1983, the principal chief asked Mankiller to run for deputy chief on his ticket.

Because of her activist background, she expected her people to challenge her on issues and programs she had begun to implement, but instead their focus was on the shame of having a woman in the second most powerful position. There was no foundation for discussion and she had no pat responses to the hurtful things said to her. One of her most helpful pieces of advice, she said, came from the back of a tea container and it stood her in good stead during that rocky election: Don't ever argue with a fool because someone walking by may observe you and won't know which one is the fool.

Despite the odds and overwhelming opposition, she won that election and has continued to guide the course of her nation in the years since. She overcame her own sense of inadequacy and low self-esteem as well and credits one desire for helping her and her people achieve greatness: Desire to do something for and contribute to her people was stronger than her own fear of speaking up.

"I think the most important issue we have as a people is what we started, and that is to begin to trust our own thinking and believe in ourselves even though that we can articulate our own vision of the future, and work to make sure that vision becomes a reality," she said.

Following the example set by her international peers, American women are taking up the cross of local, state, national and international leadership.

Local Women's History Month Events

- Tuesday:** RuthKay Peterson presents "The Power of Positive Leadership" at the Air Force Academy Club, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Call 333-2463 or 222-2717 for information.
- Wednesday:** Denise DeLeo presents "Financial Planning for your Retirement" at the Enlisted Club, 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Call 554-3860 for information.
- Thursday:** Fort Carson sponsors "Women in History" special event featuring guest speakers Juliet Draper and Sandra Bell, and exhibits, music and refreshments, in the Elkhorn Conference Center from 1-3 p.m. Call 526-3385 for more information.

American Female Political Leaders

- Bella Abzug** (1920-1998): civil rights and labor attorney elected to Congress from New York City in 1970.
- Madeleine Korbil Albright** (1937-): first female secretary of state; highest ranking woman in the U.S. government.
- Geraldine Ferraro** (1935-): first woman nominated by a major political party as a candidate for vice president of the United States.
- Martha Wright Griffiths** (1912-): Michigan Congresswoman, 1955-1975; successfully added sex discrimination as a prohibited act in the 1962 Civil Rights Act.
- Shirley Ann Jackson** (1946-): first woman to chair the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and first African-American woman to serve on the commission.
- Wilma Mankiller** (1945-): first woman elected principal chief of the Cherokee Nation.
- Sandra Day O'Connor** (1930-): first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Frances Perkins** (1880-1965): first woman to hold a presidential cabinet office.
- Jeannette Rankin** (1880-1973): first woman elected to the U.S. Congress, serving two separate terms.
- Rozanne L. Ridgway** (1935-): foreign policy advisor under six consecutive presidents.
- Patricia Schroeder** (1940-): served as the senior woman in Congress, first elected in 1972 (from Colorado).

Get a job: Students age 16 and older by June 4 eligible for PAFB summer hire program

This year's student summer hire program will run from June 4–Aug. 24. The purpose of the program is to provide work experience for students while supporting base units' basic skill needs.

Supervisors/Managers: Units identify summer hire needs by submitting an electronic personnel action request to the 6X, 21st Mission Support Squadron Summer Hire inbox by March 30.

Two types of positions are available: clerk - GS-303-01, \$7.35 per hour, and laborer-WG-3502-01, \$7.40

per hour. Annotate clerk or laborer on page 2, section "TO: Position Title and Number" of the PAR. Work schedules may be full-time (40 hours per week) or part-time (20 or 30 hours per week). Annotate the number of bi-weekly hours on page 4, Part D, of the PAR.

Requesters may make by-name requests for previously employed students entering a student's name in Part B. However, that request must be submitted with the PAR. As a reminder for supervisors, students employed under this program will not have security

clearances.

Students: Students interested in the summer hire program must be at least 16 by June 4, and enrolled in school at least half-time. Qualifying school enrollment includes middle and high schools, vocational or technical schools, junior colleges, colleges and universities.

Application dates are April 9-20. Students can pick up applications before April 9 at the information center outside the civilian personnel office, 135 Dover St., Room 1116.

Applications can be downloaded from www.peterson.af.mil/21mssdpc. Applications will only be accepted during the open announcement period April 9-20. To apply, students must take their applications to CPO at the address above.

CPO will use a lottery system to select students to match the number of requests, and will then determine where to place students. For more information, contact Nancy Nowacki at 556-6188 or Sue Pence at 556-4741.

(Courtesy Civilian Personnel Flight)

USSPACE shares ideas with Reserve policy board

Capt. Brenda Campbell
21st SW Public Affairs

Members of the Reserve Forces Policy Board visited Peterson March 6-7 to hear from members of U.S. Space Command on how they could help improve reserve component integration.

The Reserve Forces Policy Board, created by Congress in 1952, is the principle adviser to the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to the Reserve components.

"We are working toward a seamless integration of the active duty component and the reserve component," said Maj. Gen. Richard Wightman, military advisor to the chairman of the RFPB and executive officer of the board. "But as we work toward integration, there are issues that need to be addressed."

"The purpose of the board is to be an honest broker for the SECDEF," Wightman said. "Since we

work directly for the SECDEF we are not encumbered by the different branches of service."

Each service has a policy board that addresses individual service reserve component issues, he said.

"If a service cannot handle the issue or the issue crosses military branches then they will give it to the board to do research and make a recommendation. We work behind the scenes to bring attention to the issues.

"For example, the board helped bring about the conversion to the green ID cards for reservists and we were involved in the creation of the employer support of the guard and reserve program," he said.

The board was invited by Gen. Ed Eberhart, Commander in Chief, U.S. Space Command, to come hear briefings on three of the on-going concerns of reserve component integration within USSPACECOM.

The three concerns are reducing the backlog in reserve component members security clearances applications, increasing access to additional resources for more

full-time reserve support and training tours, and modifying the rules behind awarding joint awards for reserve component members working at USSPACECOM.

The board will write a summary of the Peterson visit, which will include recommendations on how to address the issues provided by USSPACECOM.

In the past, there was a sharp line between the active duty and the reserve components, Wightman said. Now many issues affect both, and results from the board's recommendations may help both the active duty and reserve components.

Board member diversity provides the Secretary of Defense with a unique and independent body of senior officials to review and comment on Reserve component programs and policies.

"We also have a responsibility to provide an annual report to Congress on all Reserve components. Each reserve component is represented in the report, so Congress often uses it as a resource guide as well."

NCO Academy students serve food, smiles to elderly

By Tech. Sgt. Tonya L. Keebaugh
Forrest L. Vossler NCO Academy student

Edna Berlyn moved from Illinois to Colorado Springs a few years ago so she could finish college. She fulfilled her dream and graduated from Nazarene College in 1998. That may not seem extraordinary, but Berlyn is 77 years old.

Steve Walczak, 75, flew missions for the Army Air Corps during World War II. His missions, called the Hump, were from Burma to India and on to China to carry supplies for the war fighters. What makes his story significant is that about two-thirds of all Hump missions ended in a collision with the Himalaya Mountains.

Nine students from the Forrest L. Vossler Noncommissioned Officers' Academy here met Berlyn and Walczak Saturday at the Golden Circle Nutrition Program in downtown Colorado Springs. The students were there to help serve lunch for about 100 senior citizens. The program helps provide food for older people at 22 locations across Colorado Springs. And, according to Sharron Mesch, weekend supervisor, the organization always needs volunteers.

"We can always use more people," said Mesch. "If we don't have enough people here to help serve, I have to go out...and look for people to help."

The Golden Circle serves lunch for senior citizens every day. Volunteers work from 11a.m.-1p.m.

What's in it for the volunteers? Many benefits, according to Mesch and the Air Force volunteers.

"You get to meet very different people here who are all interesting," said Mesch. "You'll hear stories, and we will feed you when you're through."

The students who helped out Saturday got more from the day than just a free meal. "Talking with these people was wonderful," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Flask, NCOA student assigned to Fairchild AFB, Wash. "I was touched by how appreciative they all were."

Flask wasn't the only one affected by the warm reception students received.

"I asked one table if they needed anything else before I took off my apron," said Tech. Sgt. Rick Trevis, student from F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. "One lady said 'Yes, I need a hug,' and another lady stood up and said, 'Oh, she's not going to get them all. I need one too.' They were just excited that we took the time to come down here and spend some time with them."

Many NCOA students plan to volunteer again later this month, but after the six week course ends, most students will return to their bases. The Golden Circle needs more permanent volunteers, particularly the first, fourth and fifth Saturday of the month. For more information, or to volunteer, call Nettie Osbourne at 578-1048.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Tonya L. Keebaugh

Tech. Sgt. Rick Trevis (center), Forrest L. Vossler NCO Academy student, exchanges stories and hugs with 77-year-old Edna Berlyn (left) and 83-year-old Floy Hay March 3 at the senior center.



Forrest L. Vossler NCO Academy students work the serving line at the Golden Circle Nutrition Program March 3. Front to back are Tech. Sgt. Steve Gyurke, McChord Air Force Base, Wash., Tech. Sgt. Dale Mosher, Buckley AFB, Colo., Tech. Sgt. Pete Tresnack, Hill AFB, Utah, and Tech. Sgt. Ronie Pascoa, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo. The group served lunch to about 100 senior citizens.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shane Sharp

Paine Street re-alignment

Paine Street, south of Stewart Avenue, will be closed beginning Monday for construction work to re-align the intersection. Work includes aligning the Paine Street approaches on the north and south sides of Stewart Avenue, installing traffic lights, providing a new entrance to the transportation yard off Paine Street, and landscaping. Estimated completion date for the project is Aug. 1. Access to the Band of the Rockies parking lot will be via Ent Avenue and the parking lot north of Dormitory 1270.

Miscellaneous

PERSONALITY PLUS: Peterson Officers Wives Club will host a "Personality Plus" seminar, presented by Shirley Lindsey, certified personality trainer, tomorrow, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Colorado Springs Community Church, 7290 Lexington Ave. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Call Miranda Sherman at 264-6735 more information.

SPACE SYMPOSIUM: The 17th National Space Symposium, hosted by the Space Foundation, will be April 9-12 at the Broadmoor International Center. Featuring top national and international leaders, the symposium's theme this year is "Space 2001: An Earth Odyssey."

As in past years, the symposium needs volunteers to help with media relations, escort speakers, assist with presentations, man information booths, coordinate transportation, support registration and provide security services. Volunteers will have unlimited access to exhibits and may attend speaker sessions as well. For more information or to learn how to volunteer, go to the symposium web site, www.ussf.org/symposium01 and select the "volunteer" button. Active duty military may also contact the volunteer coordinator, Lt. Col. Charlie Manship, at charles.manship@peterson.af.mil, or call 554-9304.

WASTE PICKUP: Volunteers are needed to support the El Paso County Household Chemical Waste Collection program April 27-28 at Penrose Stadium. Volunteers will help unload tires, oil, paints, solvents and other chemical wastes, as well as help direct traffic. For more information or to volunteer, contact Joe Partoll at 556-1458. Volunteers should contact Partoll by April 3.

AUTO SKILLS CENTER: Have your system charged or battery tested today at the Auto Skills Center and get \$1 discount. Have four tires rotated for the price of three Wednesday through March 23. Visit www.autoskills.theshoppe.com, or call 556-4481 for more information.

Military Personnel Flight 556-7377

COMMAND CHIEF: The Air Force Personnel Center Chief's Group and Headquarters Air Combat Command needs volunteers to apply for the command chief master sergeant position, 67th Information Operations Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas, reporting no later than June 4. Contact the military personnel flight customer service section, 556-7377 and ask for bulletin 9.

Civilian Personnel Flight 556-7073

MILITARY PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT COURSE: The Military Personnel Management Course is designed for civilian supervisors of three or more military members. Supervisors of fewer military members may attend if space is available. The course provides background information and an understanding of applicable military personnel rules and regulations needed to meet supervisory/management responsibilities. Subjects covered include Expeditionary Aerospace Forces, promotions and recognition, officer and enlisted performance reports, leave management program, professional military education, discipline and standards, retention issues, mentoring, weight management program and military administrative issues. Sessions will be April 10-11, July 31-Aug 1, and Sept. 18-19. For more information, contact Beverly Sagapolutele at 556-7073 or e-mail Beverly.Sagapolutele@peterson.af.mil.

Education Center 556-4064

VEAP / MGIB: Public Law 106-419 provides an opportunity for certain VEAP participants to participate in the Montgomery G. I. Bill. The education office will receive a list of eligible members within the next two weeks and will notify all eligible active duty Air Force members. The opportunity will affect more than 25,000 Air Force members. The intent of the law is to catch the people who contributed to VEAP at one time in their careers, but may have withdrawn their contributions, making them ineligible for the last conversion. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

NEW BEGINNINGS: Class for expectant parents covers mother and child physical stages of development through nine months of pregnancy. Class will be Monday, 1-3 p.m., base education center.

Family Support Center 556-6141

CLASSES: Classes are held in the Family Support Center classroom, 135 Dover Street, Building 350, Room 1016 (unless otherwise specified). Registration is required for all classes. To register call Family Support at 556-6141 or stop by the center.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: To review a list of volunteer opportunities from District 11 schools contact Larry Land at 556-9268.

AIR FORCE AID EDUCATION GRANT: The Society's General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program awards \$1,500 grants to sons and daughters of active duty, retired or deceased Air Force members, retired reservists over age 60, and Title 10 reservists on extended active duty (no other reserve or air national guard are eligible). Spouses are also eligible if their sponsors are assigned to CONUS. Visit your Air Force Aid Society office to pick up an application or download one from www.afas.org.

SPONSOR TRAINING: Weekly sponsorship training is Tuesday, 7:30-8:45 a.m. Training covers responsibilities, resources and the effect sponsorship has on the mission. Sponsors of military and civilian employees must attend. For information, call Kirsten Rautter at 556-7596.

Community Activities Center 556-7671

COPPER MOUNTAIN: The CAC has reduced prices on lift tickets to Copper Mountain Resort. Ski or snowboard at Copper Mountain more this winter now that lift tickets have been reduced \$30. Get your tickets at the CAC, call 556-7671.

ROCKIES SEASON OPENER: The Colorado Rockies baseball team season opener against Seattle will be April 2. For more information, call 556-1733. Sign up by March 30.

CRAFT FAIR: The CAC will sponsor a craft fair at the officers club ballroom April 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Table rent is \$10. For more information, call Deb Connor at 556-1737. Register by April 2.

Youth Center 556-7220

SOCCER AND BASEBALL: The deadline to sign up for soccer and baseball is Monday. Soccer and micro-soccer will be April 14-May 24. Age groups include 5-6-year-olds, 7-9-year-olds and 10-12-year-olds. Baseball age groups are 10-12-year-olds and 13-15-year-olds, with T-ball offered for 5-6-year olds. Call Sonny Campbell at 556-7220 for more information.

BASKETBALL: Basketball will be March 24, 9a.m.-2 p.m.

MARTIAL ARTS: Martial arts will be held Tuesday and Thursday, 5-7:30 p.m. For more information, call 556-7220

Teen Center 556-7220

HOURS: The teen center is open Tuesday from 5-8 p.m.

TEEN LEAGUE: The teen basketball league plays Friday nights June 1-July 27 as part of Operation Night Hoops Basketball League. Games are played at the fitness center. The league, co-ed, is open to teens aged 13-15 and 16-18. Cost is \$25 per person. Coaches are also needed for the program. Call Sonny Campbell at 556-7220 for more information.

Enlisted Club 556-4194

COUNTRY BUFFET: The enlisted club will offer a country buffet dinner Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. Buffet items will include roast pork and chicken and dumplings. The buffet is free for children ages 5 and under. Call 556-4194 for more information.

MONGOLIAN BARBECUE: Thursday is Mongolian Barbecue night at the enlisted club. Dinner is from 5-7 p.m. and cost is \$7.50 for members, \$10.50 for non-members. Reservations are suggested. Call 556-4194 for more information.

Officers' Club 556-4181

MONGOLIAN BARBECUE: Wednesday is Mongolian Barbecue night at the officers club. Dinner is from 6-8 p.m.

LOBSTER: Live Maine lobster is on the officers club menu March 30, 6-8 p.m. Reservations are required. Dinner includes lobster, rice pilaf, vegetable and salad for \$14.95 per person. Call 574-4100 to make reservations.

Commissary 556-4500

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Sunday - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday - CLOSED
Tuesday - 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Wednesday - 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Thursday - 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday - 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Saturday - 8 a.m.-6 p.m.



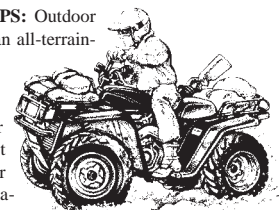
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Outdoor Recreation 556-4867

SNOW FUN: Outdoor recreation has ski trips slated for tomorrow to Breckenridge and Sunday to Copper Mountain. Learn-to-ski/snowboard trips will be tomorrow and Sunday, and March 24-25 at Ski Cooper. Call outdoor recreation at 556-4867 for more information.

ATV TRIPS: Outdoor recreation has an all-terrain-vehicle trip planned for tomorrow. Call outdoor recreation at 556-4867 for more information.

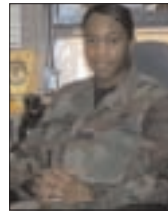
EQUIPMENT: Outdoor recreation rents equipment for outdoor sporting needs. Call 556-4867 or 556-4487 for more information.



The 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight has created a webpage containing information of environmental interest. *Check it out!*
<https://petecentral/cev/>
or use the link found on the Petecentral Unit Pages screen.

Star Performer

NAME: Staff Sgt. Yolanda Robinson-Freeman
UNIT: 21st Contracting Squadron
HOMETOWN: Rochester, N.Y.
TIME IN SERVICE: 13 years



tomers. Her award of two task orders helped make Y2K a non-event for space surveillance missions.

Stepping forward to manage the new outsourcing contract for the Cheyenne Mountain civil engineer function, Robinson-Freeman negotiated a complicated \$250,000 wage adjustment and trouble shot myriad logistical issues, ensuring a seamless transition to contract.

Staff Sergeant Yolanda Robinson-Freeman entered the Air Force in 1988 as an armament specialist. She re-trained into contracting in 1997 and has been assigned as a contract specialist for the 21st Contracting Squadron since 1998.

Over the past year Robinson-Freeman has been the "fireman" for the specialized contracting flight, according to her supervisor. Among her various accomplishments was her assumption of the \$400 million Cheyenne Mountain Software Support contract.

Called a top notch performer, she awarded \$33 million worth of contact actions in fewer than 30 days, assuring the success of a critical space surveillance mission. She administered 12 task orders, the largest worth more than \$25 million, and displayed business-savvy as she oversaw contractor performance. To keep the contractor performance levels high, she awarded \$1.2 million in incentive fees, securing quality service for her cus-

She is the squadron safety NCO, a member of the 21CONS mobility team, and a 21CONS Booster Club representative. She has a Bachelor of Business Communication and Master of Public Administration degree. She completed numerous contracting courses and is a member of the National Contract Management Association. Committed to personal development, she earned the Toastmasters competent leader award.

An active community member, she serves on several committees of the local NAACP, organized a local talent show and a Martin Luther King Day basketball tournament, as well as the Gospel extravaganza in support of local Black History Month activities. She was elected vice president of the Progressive Leaders Toastmasters Club, which earned its first Distinguished Club Award.

Robinson-Freeman is married to Master Sgt. John H. Freeman. In her free time, she enjoys reading, arts and crafts and modeling.

AFSPC names annual transportation award winners

Headquarters Air Force Space Command recently named the command-wide annual transportation award winners for 2000.

A Peterson Air Force Base unit was included on that list for taking two command-level awards.

The AFSPC Transportation Activity of the Year award went to the 21st Logistics Support Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Russell Porter. In addition, the command Terminal Unit of the Year also went to the 21st LSS.

*21st Space
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Gold
Knight*



Congratulations to the 21st Operations Group Commanders Support Staff who earned the February 21st Space Wing Gold Knight Award.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shane Sharp

Flightline visitors

Two F-15E Strike Eagles spent a couple of days as guests on the Peterson Air Force Base flightline this week. The F-15 Eagle is an all-weather, extremely maneuverable, tactical fighter designed to gain and maintain air superiority in aerial combat. The Eagle's air superiority is achieved through a mixture of unprecedented maneuverability and acceleration, range, weapons and avionics. It can penetrate enemy defenses and out-perform and out-fight any current or projected enemy aircraft. The F-15 has electronic systems and weaponry to detect, acquire, track and attack enemy aircraft while operating in friendly or enemy-controlled airspace.

Urinalysis: inconvenient, undignified, invaluable

The drug MDMA – Ecstasy - has been getting a lot of publicity lately. Since the Air Force urinalysis program has been adjusted in response to increased Ecstasy use, including renewed emphasis on weekend testing, now's a good time to review why the program exists.

When I'm about to board an Air Force aircraft, I have an extremely high degree of confidence that its crew and maintainers are not drug abusers. Moreover, when any of us receive a service or product from any Air Force member, there is a high probability that the provider is not a drug abuser. Why? One reason is the Air Force recruits and retains great people who consider illegal drug use unwise and unhealthy.

But we're a huge organization and we can't expect all members will be so steadfast in their attitudes regard-

ing drugs, which brings up another reason the Air Force is mostly drug-free: the urinalysis program.

We need to remember that urinalysis is a deterrent, and not simply a way to catch drug abusers. Think of it as preventive maintenance. We don't wait for mishaps or component failures to occur before we perform maintenance on aircraft. Instead, the Air Force expends considerable time, effort and money to inspect, repair and replace parts before they fail. By doing so, we save aircraft and, more important, lives.

Urinalysis seeks to prevent willpower failures that might lead airmen into illegal drug use. It saves careers and lives. Keeping people out of trouble and on the job is good for them and for the Air Force.

To work effectively, a urinalysis program must be random, unpre-

dictable and all-inclusive.

Therefore, all of us must participate as administrators, monitors or subjects. When we do, we contribute to the success of the program by helping deter others who might be inclined to use drugs if the program didn't. Our participation also reflects our commitment to a drug-free Air Force.

As one former Vice Chief of Staff said, commander support and involvement is essential to maintaining program effectiveness. I urge you to work with commanders and first sergeants to help them ensure that everyone understands why we have a urinalysis program.

Our participation and support reflects our commitment to a drug-free Air Force.

(Courtesy 21st Space Wing Legal Office)

Leadership and time management courses

The "7 Habits of Highly Effective People", a three day course in personal leadership based on the book by Stephen Covey, will be held March 27-29 and April 17-19, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

"What Matters Most" a one-day time management course from Franklin-Covey, will be held April 11 and 20.

Courses are open to 21st SW active-duty and civil service personnel. Tenant units are allowed on a space available basis.

Call 556-6104 or 556-7283 for more information.

Submit your articles to the Space Observer

Articles must be received at least 10 days prior to the date you want them to appear in the Space Observer.

Articles can be e-mailed to shane.sharp@peterson.af.mil or melanie.epperson@peterson.af.mil.

Call 556-7846 for more information

HQ AFSPC defeats 10 AMDS 25 - 15, 25 - 22

By Airman 1st Class Brian Hill
21st Public Affairs

HQ AFSPC held strong at the end, taking a two-game win, 25-15, 25-22 over the 10 AMDS in competitive league intramural volleyball Tuesday at the fitness center.

With both teams shorthanded, the game turned into a bigger challenge for everyone. AFSPC was missing one player and the 10 AMDS was missing two, but the extra room on the court allowed for some exciting play.

Air Force Space Command held on to an early lead in the first game. The 10th lost several points to the two ghost positions they had due to the lack of players.

Every third time they got a sideout, it would immediately become a sideout against them, costing them one point each time. AFSPC had one ghost position, costing them a point every fifth sideout. The advantage was AFSPC's if there were a lot of sideouts.

In the second game, the 10th played tough, keeping the game close right up to the end. It was tied 22-22 when AFSPC got the sideout and snagged three points for the win.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brian Hill

HQ AFSPC closes in on a two-game defeat of the 10 AMDS late in the second game during competitive intramural action here Tuesday. The win keeps HQ AFSPC tied for first place with AFMC and HQ NORAD with a 3 and 0 record. 10 AMDS stays tied for ninth place with an 0 and 3 record.

USA Olympic Men's Volleyball

The USA Men's Volleyball Team (ranked fourth in the world) will visit the Peterson Air Force Base Fitness Center, April 6 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Admission is FREE

Schedule:

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. -- Practice (open to the public)
12:30-1 p.m.-- Scrimmage game against Peterson AFB players
1-1:30 p.m. -- Meet with fans, sign autographs

Call Les Stewart at 556-4475 for more information



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shane Sharp

Bowling for a good cause

Bowlers hit the lanes during the First Sergeant's Diamond Council Bowl-A-Thon March 9 at the base bowling alley. The 76 bowlers at the event raised more than \$3,200 for the annual Caring Through Sharing Program.

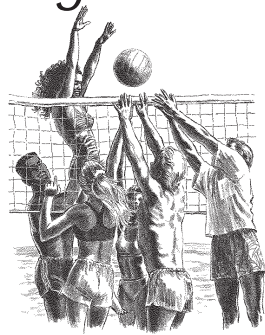
Intramural volleyball standings

Monday-Wednesday evening rec league

	Won	Lost
1. 11 SWS	3	0
2. 1 CACS	2	1
2. 721 CS	2	1
4. 3 SOPS	1	2
5. 21 SFS	0	3
5. 50 SFS	0	3

Monday-Wednesday lunchtime rec league

	Won	Lost
1. 21 SVS	3	0
2. AFMC	2	0
2. HQ AFSPC/CE	2	0
4. 76 SPCS	1	0
4. 84 ALF	1	0
6. 21 SW	1	1
6. 21 CS	1	1
8. AFSPC	1	2
8. 544 IOG	1	2
8. 10 MDG	1	2
11. 21 LG	0	3
11. HQ AFSPC/DOI	0	3



Tuesday-Thursday competitive league

	Won	Lost
1. HQ NORAD	3	0
1. AFMC	3	0
1. AFSPC	3	0
4. AFSPC "B" SC	2	1
5. 21 SW	1	2
5. 21 CS	1	2
5. HQ AFSPC "B"	1	2
5. Det 4	1	2
9. 10 AMDS	0	3
9. HQ AFSPC-CE	0	3

Sports

Shorts

St. Patrick's Day 5K Fun Run

The St. Patrick's Day 5K Fun Run begins at 11:30 a.m. today. There is an entry fee of \$1, or \$10 if you want a T-shirt. Call 556-1515 for more information.

Air Force Rugby tryouts

The Air Force Rugby squad will hold an instructional camp and team tryout April 12-15 in Washington, D.C. Tryouts are in conjunction with the Cherry Blossom Invitational Rugby Tournament. Classroom and field instruction will be offered prior to the tournament. All Air Force active duty, Active Reserve and Air National Guardsmen are eligible. The selected Air Force team will compete against the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard in the Armed Forces Rugby Championships Oct. 8-13 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. See www.afrugby.com for more information.

Intramural pool (8-ball)

An intramural pool coaches' meeting is scheduled for Monday at 10:30 a.m., at the sports and fitness center.

Intramural walleyball

There will be an intramural walleyball coaches' meeting today at 10:30 a.m., at the sports and fitness center.

Silver Spruce Golf Course

To check playing conditions and hear the weather recording, updated every morning at 7 a.m., call 556-7810. For other course information, call 556-7414.

Outdoor recreation winter hours

Outdoor recreation winter hours are Monday 6 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For rental equipment prices and other information, call 556-4867 or 556-4487.

Singles table tennis

There will be a singles table tennis tournament Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the sports and fitness center. The tournament is free. Call 556-1515.

Bowling center

There will be a no-tap-tournament Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Great American Meat Out is Tuesday. Enjoy a veggie burger or egg salad special at the Strike Zone Café. Call 556-4607.

Aquatic center

Registration for Session 6 swimming classes will be Tuesday.

Family Swims are Tuesday and Thursday, 6-8 p.m. Call 556-4608.