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Volunteer Recognition Week honors Peterson million-dollar volunteers

By Airman 1st Class Shane Sharp
21st SW Public Affairs

Peterson Air Force Base will honor more than 600 volunteers during the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon April 25 at the enlisted club, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Peterson Complex volunteers provided more than 70,000 hours of service this year in a variety of jobs, saving the Air Force more than \$1 million.

The luncheon is part of National Volunteer Week April 22-28, and will feature well-known radio personality, author and former Denver Bronco, Reggie Rivers, as the keynote speaker.

"Volunteers do so much for this community," said Susan Golden, family support consultant and acting volunteer coordinator. "It's nice to offer an event where the base leadership can recognize them and thank them for the work they do."

"Volunteers are an important part of the base community," said Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler, 21st Space Wing commander. "The only payment they receive is the thanks of the people they serve. I urge everyone to take the time to thank all of the dedicated volunteers that make our



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shane Sharp

Frosso Reed (left) and Pat Tygard, volunteers at the base thrift store, work the check-out counter at the thrift store. The base thrift store is almost completely staffed by volunteers.

base a better place."

Volunteers give of their time to several base agencies, and in some cases, they make up the majority of the staff.

"Without the volunteers, some base services would be limited, and some wouldn't even exist," said Golden.

One such service is the thrift store. Staffed almost completely by volunteers, the thrift store provides a place for

Department of Defense families to buy or sell used personal property.

Some of the thrift store staff have been volunteers for more than 20 years, and keep coming back for the same simple reason.

"I enjoy it," said Norma Watson, who has spent the last 30 years as a volunteer at the thrift store. "I've been with

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Shane Sharp

Martin Okulski and Anne Clark, family services volunteers, gather dishes into a container at the Family Services Loan Closet. Clark will complete 20 years as a volunteer in November.

Peterson welcomes AFSPC airmen of the year nominees



Nominees for the Air Force Space Command's airmen of the year and first sergeant of the year will arrive in Colorado Springs Monday to begin a week-long celebration of their outstanding accomplishments.

The activities of Annual Award Recognition Week will include an official welcome, a visit to the United States Air Force Academy and several other on- and off- base dining and entertainment opportunities.

The nominees will tour Cheyenne Mountain Air Station and Garden of the Gods, after which they will meet with Gen. Eberhart.

The week's events will culminate with the AFSPC Awards Banquet at the Peterson Air Force Base Enlisted Club Thursday. AFSPC award winners will go on to compete for the Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year and First Sergeant of the Year.

Airman

Staff Sgt. Shanita C. Aiken, HQ AFSPC
Senior Airman Eryn C. McConnell, Vandenberg AFB

Senior Airman Christopher E. Ford, Vandenberg AFB

Staff Sgt. Jason R. Raether, Malmstrom AFB

Staff Sgt. Nicole Y. Basnight, HQ AFSPC
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Master Sgt. John D. Hemmy, Malmstrom AFB

First sergeant
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Master Sgt. Mark Loury, 45th Space Wing

Master Sgt. Aaron L. Coon, Minot AFB

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From the top

Action line

Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line (556-7777 or by fax: 556-7848) is your direct link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice concerns over unsolved problems, share good ideas or provide some constructive criticism.

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

Pete Complex exceeds fund drive goal by 24%

The Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign finished with Peterson Complex donating \$66,974 to the four charitable organizations; 124 percent of the Complex goal.

"This year was a huge success because there were many people around Peterson Complex who donated their time and money during the drive," said Capt Jason Narhgang, AFAF project officer. "Almost 2,000 people donated money to one of the charitable organizations."

Across the complex, Air Force Space Command personnel provided the greatest total donations at \$26,501, which was about \$28.37 per person.

"The people who really benefit from the campaign efforts are those the funds will support," Narhgang said. "It's all about Air Force personnel helping other Air Force personnel."

The Air Force Aid Society provides emergency assistance to members worldwide. The AFAS also offers education assistance and an array of base-level community enhancement programs. This year Peterson Complex raised \$43,571 in support of the society.

The Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation is located in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted members. The AFEMW received \$9,508 from complex members.

The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund is located in San Antonio, Texas and is a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The AFV will be receiving \$7,805 this year from Peterson members.

The General and Mrs. Curtis LeMay Foundation provide rent and financial assistance to indigent officers' and enlisted members' widows or widowers in their own homes and communities. Over \$6,088 will be donated to the LeMay Foundation from the complex this year.

AFAF Complex POCs

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- 721st Support Group: Tech. Sgt. Charles Mims
- JPPSO: Staff Sgt. Katherine Pyle
- AFOTEC Detachment 4: Capt. Mark Kellner
- 10th Medical Group: Master Sgt. Thom Santa Maria
- AFSPC: Tech. Sgt. Shawn Wright
- NORAD/USSPACE: Master Sgt. Harold Hunt
- 13th Air Support Operations Squadron: Airman First Class Peter Seaberg
- 367 Recruiting Squadron: Capt. Jeff Gibson
- Detachments 5 and 11: Master Sgt. David Baird
- 544 Intelligence Group: Master Sgt. Bryce DuChemin
- 84 Airlift Flight: 1st Lt. Richard Allison

From the command chief

Construction nears completion, first sergeant positions opening, and NCOA open to tech-selects

First, let me tell you that the construction company working on the official flag pole plaza is working hard to meet the completion target date of June 1. The photo below gives you some indication how far along we are in the process.

We're planning a mass NCO induction and promotion recognition, flag pole dedication and retreat ceremony that Friday afternoon. The NCO induction ceremony will be open to anyone who has yet to be officially inducted into the NCO corps or senior NCO corps and would like to participate in this super ceremony.

As we get a little closer, we will advertise points of contact to whom you can submit your name, which will allow us to prepare an official certificate and reserve your place in the ceremony.

The rain-out, or noncompletion date, will be June 8. This looks to be a huge ceremony with a band and all the bells and whistles. If you're interested in being involved in one of the working groups, please call me at DSN 834-2105.

First Sergeant Volunteers- This summer and fall there will be openings for first sergeants around the Peterson Complex as well as world-wide. If you think you have the stuff that great first sergeants are made of and would be interested in joining the diamond wearing ranks, please contact your first sergeant for an interview and to find out what the job entails. Your first sergeant will then forward your name to me for a records review and personal interview, which is the start of the process. Good luck!

NCO Academy Class Slots- I've been asked several times in my travels to various parts of the

wing why staff sergeants with line numbers for technical sergeant can't attend the NCO academy. The answer is, they can. Guidance from above, which also makes sense to me, is that senior techs must attend first.

We presently have a backlog of more than 100 senior techs in the wing who have not had the opportunity to attend the NCOA. This is partly because personnel recently PCS'd in from remote tours or they have jobs that are only one person deep, which prohibits them from attending when they want.

We must provide senior technical sergeants the opportunity to attend the class before they get line numbers for master sergeant.

I do foresee a time in the near future when a staff sergeant with a line number for tech will very quickly get an NCO Academy class date. All we ask is you be a little patient: Your time to attend will come.

Finally, I wanted to take a few lines to thank everyone for the outstanding tours we, the commander and I, have had while traveling around to visit our various wing units. Everyone has been energetic and highly motivated and working the right issues.

I'm proud to be associated with this wing and truly appreciate your efforts and look forward to seeing you soon.

*Chief Master Sgt. Fred Schoettler
Command Chief Master Sergeant
21st Space Wing - First In The Fight*



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shane Sharp

Workers continue construction on the flag pole plaza in front of the 21st Space Wing Headquarters, Building 845. The project is scheduled for completion June 1.

Buy a wing coin and support Guardian Challenge 2001



21st Space Wing coins are for sale to raise money for Guardian Challenge 2001. The coins cost \$5 each. Call Capt. Brian Freiburger at 556-4570 for more information or stop by the 21st Logistics Group office in Building 365 to buy a coin.

CCAF increases affiliated schools

By Lynis Cox
Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — The Community College of the Air Force turns 29 this year, and as the world's largest community college, CCAF is fulfilling its mission to develop the academic potential of Air Force enlisted members.

"We are definitely not '29 and holding,'" said Dr. Elane Seebo, dean of academic affairs. "The Community College of the Air Force is committed to growth, to meeting the educational needs of the enlisted force."

Policy Council members recently voted to recommend an increase in the number of affiliated member schools from 122 to 135. Increasing the number of affiliated schools means students can receive credit for more courses applicable to CCAF degrees.

Recently, CCAF brought base

education services offices online with a system that allows career advisers access to servicemembers' educational records.

"The web progress report online allows the education counselor to provide enrolled students with immediate academic information rather than waiting for a paper product to be mailed from CCAF," said Lisa Simon, career advisor at Peterson Air Force Base Education Center. "This essential tool helps to evaluate a student's current academic status so that an efficient and effective degree plan can be developed."

The system has reported more than 50,000 hits since it became fully operational Jan. 31. Future plans include expanding the system so students can use the Internet to check their progress toward earning a degree.

The college plays a vital role in fulfilling the Air Force's education

commitment to its military members, said Col. Jim McBride, CCAF commander and president.

"We have awarded more than 209,000 associate degrees since we opened in 1972, and we are looking at ways every day to give enlisted personnel more opportunity to achieve associate degrees early in their careers," he said. "Education builds a strong foundation for the future of our Air Force's aerospace mission."

"The rapid change in communications and warfighting technology has accelerated demand for critical thinking, teamwork and commitment on the part of Air Force personnel," McBride said. "CCAF provides airmen with the means to meet these demands and achieve their personal goals."

The college's accomplishments in job-related education give airmen an opportunity they might not otherwise have because of the demands of mili-

tary life. The degrees are directly related to Air Force Specialty Codes and are designed to sharpen the technical, leadership and management capabilities of the enlisted corps.

Areas being explored through CCAF include offering enlisted Air Force members an opportunity to earn additional academic degrees or professional credentials, such as certificates or licenses in specific fields.

Most recently, CCAF has been granted authority by the Federal Aviation Administration to verify that Air Force individuals meet all requirements and to issue the certificate of eligibility to take the exam for an airframe and power plant certificate.

The college is also exploring options to expand opportunities for obtaining a wider variety of associate and bachelor's degrees, including coalitions of educational partners and a variety of distance learning opportunities.

SPACECOM CINC addresses national security

'Space must be top national priority'

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — American military involvement in space will become more critical to national security in coming years, said U.S. Space Command's top officer.

"Most anyone involved in military operations, whether military or civilian, would tell you space is becoming increasingly important," said Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, US SPACECOM commander in chief.

U.S. Space Command, headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., coordinates the use of U.S. military and civilian space assets to support, enhance and control space operations and computer-network defensive and offensive missions. It is one of the nine unified commands in the Department of Defense that have operational control of U.S. combat forces.

Satellite imagery, missile warning and targeting information that space-based systems provide have proven their military worth to U.S. defense planners throughout the past decade, Eberhart said. That data, for instance, contributed to victory during Operation Desert Storm and the 1999 Kosovo air campaign.

"Look back to how we leveraged our space assets in Desert Storm, compare that to Kosovo — or how we can leverage them even today as we have made advancements since Kosovo — and I think it is obvious how important and how much we rely on capabilities that are resident in our information that moves through space," he said.

Sometime in April, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is expected to provide his formal response to recommendations in a report issued Jan.

11 by the Commission to Assess U.S. National Security Space Management and Organization. Prior to his nomination to be secretary, Rumsfeld chaired the commission, which, among other things, sought to determine if any changes need to be made to improve the United States' national security posture and capabilities in space.

"We have, in fact, militarized space. We use space assets, space information for military applications. We've been doing that for decades."

Six months of research and interviews with the country's leading space experts, including Eberhart, convinced the commission that space should become a top national security priority.

"We'd be kidding ourselves if we said we couldn't do it better, (and) our goal ought to be to do it better tomorrow," Eberhart said.

For example, DOD space specialists could make more effective use of available communications bandwidth, and become better at processing and disseminating information "to get inside the enemy's decision-cycle," he said.

"We gather data," Eberhart said. "How can we change that data to information which can lead to decisions? That is the real key. We're working hard, we have some wonderful people out there, and we

have a great partnership with industry, with commercial suppliers."

A Rumsfeld space commission news release called the likelihood of future conflict in space "a virtual certainty." Because of this, the commission noted, the United States should take immediate steps to develop superior space capabilities.

Some critics say the United States will not need such enhanced capabilities for 25 years or more, when a peer may arise to challenge America militarily in space. Other critics say there should be no military use of space, but Eberhart said he believes this has already occurred.

"We have, in fact, militarized space," he said. "We use space assets, space information for military applications. We've been doing that for decades. The trend is increasing, not just the United States of America, but also other countries, friends, and possible foes.

"So, I think we've crossed that bridge," he said.



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the thrift store since it came to Peterson. We have been moved around between four or five different buildings, but we're still here, still serving the community."

Terry Jones, another volunteer at the thrift store, has done volunteer work for 24 years in a variety of locations.

"It's in my blood," said Jones, who has started thrift stores on bases in Germany and England, and has volunteered at several stores in the U.S. "It serves a wonderful purpose and I love the camaraderie that exists with other volunteers."

Volunteers also serve the base

community in many other ways. Every pill at the base clinic's pharmacy is counted by a volunteer who processes new prescriptions and refills old ones.

Lives were saved last year as volunteers assisted on three suicide watches and responded to seven families in crisis. Volunteer crisis support teams are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Family services is staffed by volunteers who provide additional help to the Relocation Assistance Program.

Other family services volunteers operate the loan closet, making sure household items for loan are available and in working order.

Anne Clark, family services loan closet volunteer, will complete 20 years of volunteer service in November.

"My husband was in the service and after he retired, I felt like I could give something back," said Clark. "Volunteering keeps you active and you meet a lot of interesting people."

Clark and other volunteers also make items for the Layette program, giving various baby items to every newborn child of families with a military member E-5 or below.

Volunteers also compile the handouts included in welcome packets and dis-



Volunteers Ardie Constantine (left) and Terry Jones help customers at the consignment counter at the base thrift store. Jones has been a volunteer for 11 years and has worked nearly 24 total years as a volunteer at several different bases.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Shane Sharp

Bill Bullock displays a flight schedule for customers at the base passenger terminal. Bullock has been a volunteer for nearly six years, helping military members fly space available out of Peterson.

tribute informational base videos for many military installations throughout the world.

Family support center volunteers maintain records of incoming jobs available to transitioning clients. They teach classes and provide counseling in personal finance readiness and budgeting.

The officers' and enlisted wives clubs raise money for several good causes such as scholarships

The retiree activities office works hard to keep the retiree community aware of benefit changes and services available to them. They also publish a newsletter to mail to retirees. The office sponsors and organizes the

annual Retiree's Appreciation Day.

Volunteers can also be found serving as witnesses and notaries at the legal office and working as customer service representatives at the passenger terminal.

Chapel volunteers sponsor community projects such as Thanksgiving Brown Bag and the Giving Tree for military families who need extra help during the holidays.

Volunteers can be found in just about every organization on base. Keep them in mind this week and throughout the year. Without them, many services the base community enjoys would be unavailable.



20th SPSS gets fired up for Guardian Challenge



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Judd



20th Space Surveillance Squadron members celebrate after being selected as part of the squadron's 2001 Guardian Challenge team at a commander's call Feb. 23.

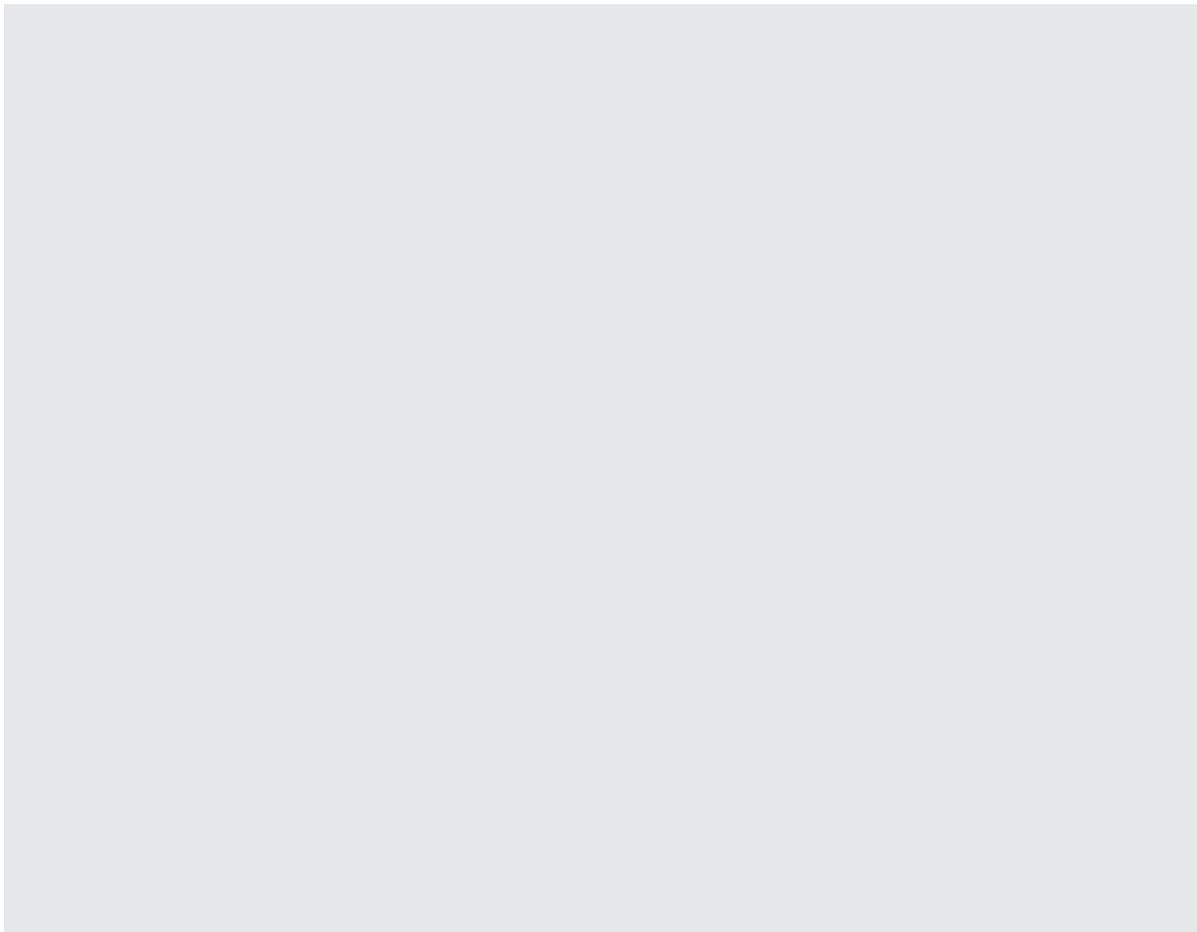


20th Space Surveillance Squadron,
Eglin Air Force Base, Florida



Photo by Lois Foy

20th SPSS Guardian Challenge team members serve a "Hurrah" breakfast, sponsored by the Spacetrackers Booster Club, April 7. After the breakfast, the team completed a training scenario in preparation for the May competition.



DOD career fair comes to Colorado Springs

By Senior Airman
Melanie Epperson
21st SW Public Affairs

The Department of Defense Regional Spring Career Fair is scheduled for Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Colorado Springs World Arena.

This event, sponsored by the Peterson Air Force Base Family Support Center, Fort Carson Army Career Advancement Program, U.S. Air Force Academy Family Support Center and the Southeast Family Center/Armed Services YMCA, is free and open to the public.

"So far we have 105 companies that have confirmed they will be there," said Chris Fornander, family and work life consultant. "We are expecting more to confirm this week."

Companies that will be represented at the fair range from 24 Hour Fitness to the United States Secret Service

and just about everything in between. Those interested may download a company list of attendees at www.theemploymentnews.com or call Fornander at 556-6141.

"I also have the company profiles, which lists what positions the companies are hiring for and their individual Websites," she said. "I can e-mail or fax them to people if they call and ask for them."

Fornander said people should dress for an interview and bring several copies of their resume as no copier will be available at the fair.

"Now is the time for people to do their research and get their resumes together because as soon as they walk up to the company's table at the fair, they're being interviewed," she said. "These companies will be ready to hire on the spot."

For more information, call Fornander at 556-6141.

Commissary shoppers save 29 percent

By Rick Brink
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. – Shop your commissary and save more than 29 percent on your grocery bill. That's the good news according to the most comprehensive Market Basket Price Comparison Study ever done by the Defense Commissary Agency.

"This survey revealed an overall savings of 29.2 percent, which is in line with our agency's corporate objective to increase savings to 30 percent over commercial grocery stores and super centers by fiscal year 2002. In fact, we expect to meet that goal by the end of this year," said DeCA Director Major General Robert J. Courter.

Bottom line for customers: the amount of savings verified by the survey means an annual savings of over \$2,300 for a family of four that regularly shops in their commissary.

The market basket survey compares the prices of items sold in commissaries with prices of the same items sold in private sector supermarkets. The savings figure includes sales tax for commercial stores, and surcharge for commissaries.

This year's survey is unlike any previous DeCA price survey because it includes comparison data from overseas stores and it used a comprehensive database of actual prices from U.S. commercial grocery stores in addition to random price sampling of meat and produce items, said Scott Simpson, DeCA's director of operations. Prices from super centers – discount

stores that also sell groceries – were also included in the study for the first time.

"This is the most comprehensive market basket survey we've ever had," Simpson said. "It's good news for our customers, and it's an important measuring stick to see how well we're doing in providing the commissary benefit."

Past studies compared prices on only about 600 items from a sampling of commissaries with prices of the same items found in nearby civilian grocery stores, and didn't include super centers. This year, thanks to the database price information, the study compared prices of virtually every Universal Product Coded (UPC) item sold in all commissaries in the 48 contiguous states. Prices of items in Alaska, Hawaii, the Far East and Europe were compared using random sampling techniques because the database didn't have prices for those areas. Likewise, meat and produce items in all stores were also compared using random sampling techniques because their prices aren't available in the database.

DeCA has enjoyed great customer savings since its inception in 1991. A 1991 market basket study was performed to assess the effect the consolidation of the military services commissary systems into DeCA would have on customer savings. That survey, which used data collected before the consolidation, found patron savings were 23.2 percent. By 1999, the last survey found savings at 27 percent.

Simpson said agency officials are confident they can reach the 30 percent savings goal.

Buckley sailor delivers baby in parking lot

"I only wish I had been that calm when my own daughter was born"

By Tech. Sgt. Jim Randall
821st Space Group Public Affairs

BUCKLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Petty Officer 1st Class Bryan Noble was on his way to work at Buckley Air Force Base March 9. When he stopped to grab a snack at a local convenience store, he couldn't know that within minutes he would be thrust into a life-or-death situation.

Noble, a sailor assigned to the Naval Security Group Activity here, was leaving the convenience store when he heard a woman calling out for help. A car pulled up in front of

the store, the driver stepped out and frantically asked Noble for help. Noble looked in the passenger's seat and was astonished to see a woman in a great deal of pain.

At a glance, the problem was apparent. The woman was in labor. When Noble leaned into the car to offer assistance, he realized the woman was not just having contractions — she was already giving birth.

"The baby's head was crowning, and I could tell that these people were not going to make it to the hospital," said Noble.

Immediately, Noble instructed

a bystander to call 911 as the woman's companion helped her get into position to deliver. Noble then ran to an Arapahoe County sheriff's deputy, who happened to be in the store, and asked him to radio for an ambulance and help with the delivery.

Returning to the car, Noble could see the baby's head emerging. Working quickly, he removed his jacket and used it to wrap the infant as soon as he had finished guiding the baby into the world.

"It was a real rush to help deliver that baby," said Noble.

But the ordeal was not over yet. As soon as the baby was out, Noble realized that the umbilical cord was wrapped around the child's neck.

"You could hear the baby gasping for air," he said.

The sheriff's deputy helped hold the baby while Noble worked to unwrap the cord. As soon as the

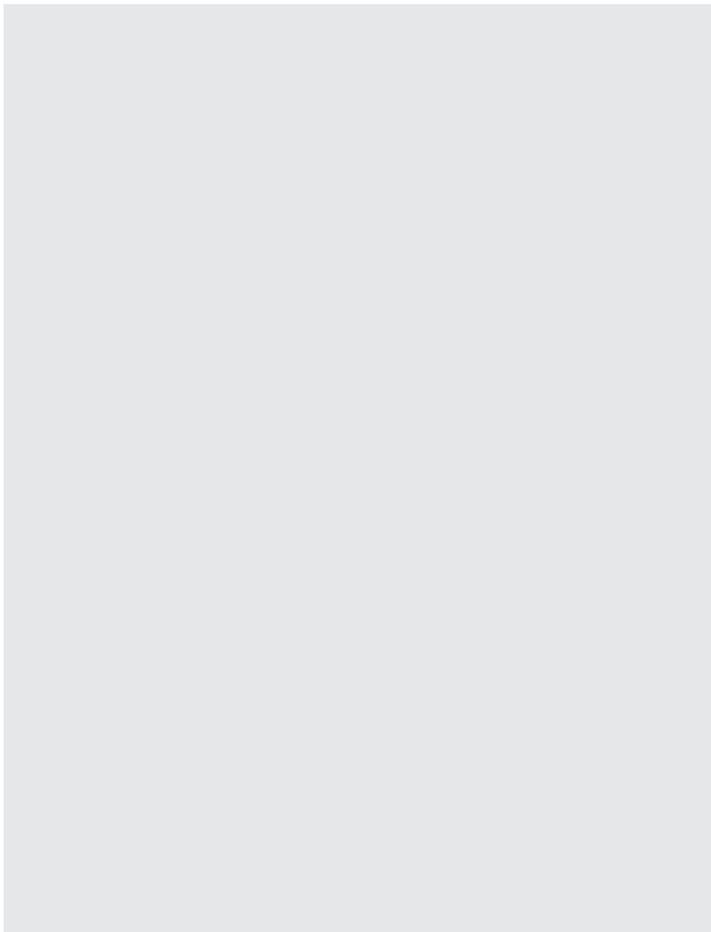
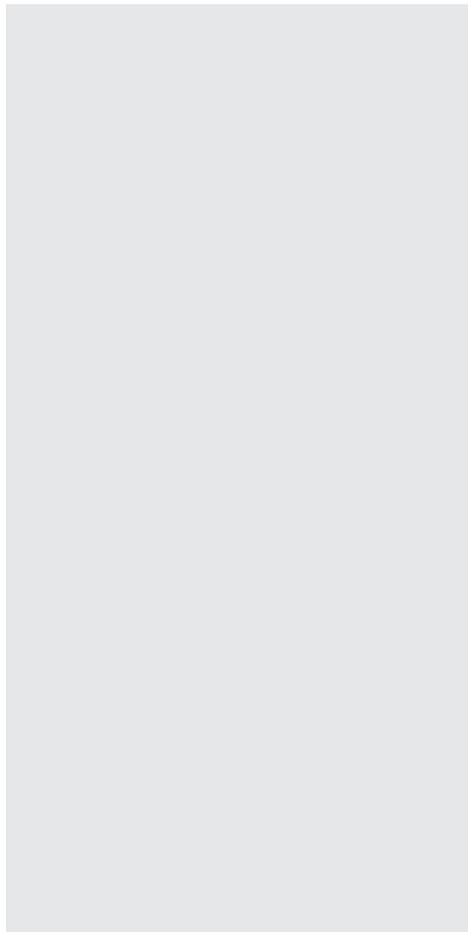
baby was safe, Noble and the deputy handed the infant to her mother.

"As soon as we had the cord unwrapped, the baby started screaming," said Noble. "That was the only sound I wanted to hear right then."

Within minutes, the emergency services team arrived. After administering first aid, they transported mother and daughter to Aurora South Hospital.

Thanks to the quick thinking of Petty Officer 1st Class Bryan Noble, mother and daughter made it through the ordeal with no problems. The healthy baby girl weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. She and her mother were released from the hospital two days later.

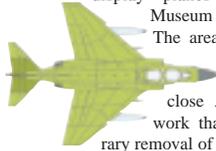
Noble credits his calm and quick thinking under pressure partly to his Navy training. "I only wish I had been that calm when my own daughter was born," he said.



For your information

New Items

MUSEUM CLOSURES: Access to the static display planes near the Peterson Museum is closed until May 15.



The area is considered a hard hat area until then. The museum will close April 23 for building work that requires the temporary removal of exhibits.

ECAMP: The annual Peterson AFB Environmental Compliance and Assessment Management Program inspection will be April 30-May 4. The purpose of this inspection is to identify areas of environmental non-compliance and to achieve an increased environmental awareness.

The 21st CES Environmental Flight will be conducting pre-inspections for organizations that request it. Contact 2nd Lt. Jeff Barber at 556-1459 for more information or to schedule a meeting. Information can also be found on the environmental flight Webpage at Petecentral.underunit.pages.

PETERSON OFFICER'S WIVES' CLUB: The POWC board elections general meeting will be April 10, 6:30 p.m., at the Peterson officers' club - Ozone Lounge.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE:

The Department of Defense and the United States Air Force adopted a program called the "Mass Transportation Fringe Benefit Program." You may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified transportation expenses through the Transportation Incentive Program. The program applies to all military service members, civilian employees including non-appropriated fund employees, and guard and reserve members serving on active duty. For more information, visit the Air Force Financial Home Services Website: www.saffm.hq.af.mil/affsc/transip/transip.cfm.

RETIRED SERGEANT MAJORS AND CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC: TRSMCA, Chapter 1, holds monthly meetings the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Retired Enlisted Association Building, 834 Emory Circle. Membership is open to E-9s of all services, both retired and active duty. The next meeting is April 25. For membership information, please contact Chief Master Sgt. (ret.) Bob Roy at 597-3868 or USARoy@aol.com.

2001 SPRING AND SUMMER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SHOW:

The show is scheduled for Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at West Middle School located at 20th Street and West Pikes Peak Avenue. The focus is on preparation for natural disasters common during spring and summer months. The show will include military fire and emergency personnel, government agencies, vendors, a clown and puppet show, Easter egg hunt, petting zoo and much more.



Miscellaneous

FIRST TERM AIRMEN'S CENTER: FTAC moved to Building 350, Room 2027. For more information, call Master Sgt. Matt Ooley at 556-9158.

CLASSICAL CONCERT: The United States Air Force Band of the Rockies' Stellar Brass presents a free, public concert April 24, 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. For tickets send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Kathleen Arcuri,

music director, First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 or pick them up at the church during normal business hours. For more information, call 471-8522.

FRANKLIN-COVEY CLASSES: The "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," a three-day course in personal leadership based on the book by Stephen Covey, will be offered Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day. "What Matters Most," a one-day time management course from Franklin-Covey, will be Tuesday and Wednesday. Courses are open to 21st Space Wing active duty and civil service members. Call 556-6104 or 556-7283 for more information.

Civilian Personnel Flight 556-4775

VOLUNTARY LEAVE TRANSFER PROGRAM: Civilian annual leave donations are needed for a Pope Air Force Base employee assigned to the 43rd Communication Squadron. She has been diagnosed with a cerebral aneurysm and is in need of an indefinite number of hours of donated leave. To donate leave, or for more information, call the civilian personnel flight workforce effectiveness section at 556-9231 or e-mail theresa.dickson@peterson.af.mil.

Family Support Center 556-6141

CLASSES: Classes are conducted 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 or stop by the center.



RESUME REVIEW CLASS: A resume review class is scheduled for Monday, 9-11 a.m. In order to take full advantage of the class, bring a copy of your resume.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR: An estate planning seminar is scheduled for April 20, 1-4 p.m. Carol Ann Walker, an accredited financial counselor, will instruct on how to create a personal financial plan. No legal advice will be given.

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING: Weekly sponsorship classes are held Tuesdays, 7:30-8:45 a.m. Classes cover sponsor responsibilities, relocation resources and the effect sponsorship has on the mission. Training is required for sponsors.

Family Advocacy 556-8943

NEW BEGINNINGS: This class is for expectant parents. A Family Advocacy Center registered nurse teaches the class Monday, 1-3 p.m., at the PAFB Education Center.

ANGER MANAGEMENT: Learn ways to increase your ability to recognize and cope with feelings of anger. Class dates are Tuesday and April 24, 2:30-4 p.m., at the PAFB Education Center.

Community Activities Center 556-7671

STAINED GLASS: Class dates are April 24 and 26, and May 1, 3, 8 and 10. Cost is \$40 and includes materials and instruction. Deadline to register is April 21. Call 556-1732 to sign up.

CHICAGO: The musical Chicago will be per-

formed at the Air Force Academy, Arnold Hall, April 20, 8 p.m. For tickets, call the CAC.

COLORADO ROCKIES: Tickets for Rockies games are on sale at the CAC.

Outdoor Recreation 556-4867

SPRING GUIDE TRAINING: Call outdoor recreation for information or to sign up for guide training at Salmon River, Idaho April 20-29. For more information, call Scott Hackney at 556-4867.



Officers' Club 556-4181

EASTER SUNDAY BUFFET: The buffet featuring lunch and breakfast items will be available Sunday at 10 and 11 a.m. and 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required.

Enlisted Club 556-4194

EASTER SUNDAY BUFFET: The buffet will be available Sunday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations are recommended.

JPPSO 554-9298

PCSING, SEPARATING OR RETIRING? Get the latest information on your entitlements to relocate your household goods. For more information, visit the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office Outbound Counseling web page: www.peterson.af.mil/jppso.

AM I OVER MY WEIGHT LIMIT? Use the on-line weight estimator to get an accurate weight estimate of your personal property shipment. The weight estimator is your tool to help prevent costs associated with exceeding your weight limitations and facilitate your appointment with the JPPSO personal property counselors. For more information, visit the JPPSO Weight Estimator web page: www.peterson.af.mil/jppso.

Education Center 556-4064

CIVILIAN TUITION ASSISTANCE: The purpose of the program is to assist DOD civilians in the pay grade of GS 12 or below (AFSPC only) and to pay for 75 percent of one off-duty education course. The program went into effect on Feb. 1 and will not pay for any courses starting prior to that date. For more information, call the education center.

Holy Week Schedule	
CATHOLIC SERVICES	
Today - Good Friday	- 7:00 p.m.
Saturday - Easter Vigil	- 7:00 p.m.
Sunday - Easter Sunday	- 9:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt following Mass	
PROTESTANT SERVICES	
Today - Good Friday	- Noon with soup lunch
Saturday - Easter Sunrise Service	- 6:30 a.m. with breakfast
REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES	
8:15 and 11 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.	

YOU are the best defensive weapon we've got

By Captain John Morse
21st Security Forces Squadron

For most people, the slogan "force protection is everyone's business" is just another popular military buzz phrase. Typically, people will see it in a hand-out, powerpoint presentation, or poster, usually along with a picture of the aftermath of Kobar Towers or with the most infamous of terrorists, Osama Bin Ladin.

Another buzz phrase that has lost popularity over time is "resource protection." In a nutshell, this deals with protecting those resources that are most important to accomplish the mission. Force Protection is doing the same thing, but it is taking care of the most important of our resources: people.

It's not just the terrorist who is a threat. We need to be concerned with anything that can harm the

men and women of our military. That can be anything from fire and floods to earthquakes and tornadoes. It could also be contamination of our food and water supplies due to mishandling or improper storage.

The point is that force protection isn't just about terrorists. It's about anything that can hurt our people.

You might say, "I thought that security forces took care of force protection."

The truth is that security forces are integral to force protection, but they're only one piece. The full picture includes establishment of procedures to prevent, deter and respond to any disaster whether natural or man-made. Security forces accomplish this in cooperation with other emergency responders such as the fire department, explosive ordinance disposal, medics and disaster preparedness teams. Civil engineers also play a key role. They design the new facil-

ities and help reinforce old ones to better protect our people.

Though this includes quite a variety of career fields, this is just the tip of the iceberg regarding who plays a part in force protection.

The most vital component of force protection is the eyes and ears of everyone on the installation.

Every person plays a role by detecting things that are out of the ordinary; by identifying a suspicious package or noticing someone watching your squadron building. Noticing isn't enough, though. You must let the right people know, which usually means notifying your local security forces. Don't be afraid that it could be a false alarm. If you are concerned about something, report it.

You are the most important link in the force protection chain. Force Protection isn't just everyone's business. It's your business.

After 4 years I'm out-a-here

By Airman
Alejandro Prinz
21st Contracting Squadron

"As soon as I finish my four years, I'm getting out," said a fellow airman as he argued with his supervisor.

His supervisor was trying to explain why serving his country was very important and how it made him feel proud. The airman just kept saying the same thing over and over again.

"I could be making four times as much as I make here if I worked in the real world."

I realize we don't get paid much compared to civilian jobs, but that isn't the reason most people join the Air Force. Many people come into the Air Force with no education and no experience. In return, the Air Force gives them a technical education and makes higher education

attainable and affordable for those who choose to pursue one.

It's like having a godparent take care of us and look after our interests. After they're educated and trained, some people forget who made it possible, and they start thinking about separating. They completely miss the point of being part of the military, which is serving your country.

I realize that the military isn't for everybody, but too many people use the Air Force to get a skill or education and they just separate after they get what they want. Whatever happened to pride in the military and serving your country? I don't have an answer for that, but I would like to know.

We must act now. In America, we don't have to worry about nearly as many things as people in other

countries. We take our rights and privileges for granted. That's why many people have no pride in their country and why they only worry about financial gain. They take their liberty for granted.

I hear people complain about not getting paid enough, and for some reason the ones who constantly complain seem to be the ones who tend to show up late and who don't do their work.

Life in the military isn't a life of luxury, but an opportunity to serve our country. Let's evaluate why we're here and what the Air Force has done for us, and I bet we'll stop the nonsense and start appreciating the Air Force.

Family Life Marriage Conference

The base chapel invites you to mark your calendar now for the Family Life Marriage Conference, hosted by Family Life, a division of Campus Crusade for Christ, April 27, 28 and 29, 7 p.m., at the Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver, Colo. 303-779-1100. Take advantage of the regular prices of \$85 per person or \$100 at the door.

For more information contact the base chapel at 556-4442 or Family Life at 1-800-FLTODAY.

STAR PERFORMER



NAME: Airman 1st Class Shaun

L. Sibit

UNIT: 721st Security Forces Squadron; "Phantom Flight"
JOB TITLE: security team leader

HOMETOWN: Enid, Oklahoma

TIME IN SERVICE: 1 year, 10 months

ABOUT SIBIT:

Airman Sibit established himself early as a star performer by earning the Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Award, and he hasn't looked back. Sibit's normal duties include being a response force team leader, entry controller and armorer protecting Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. Sibit

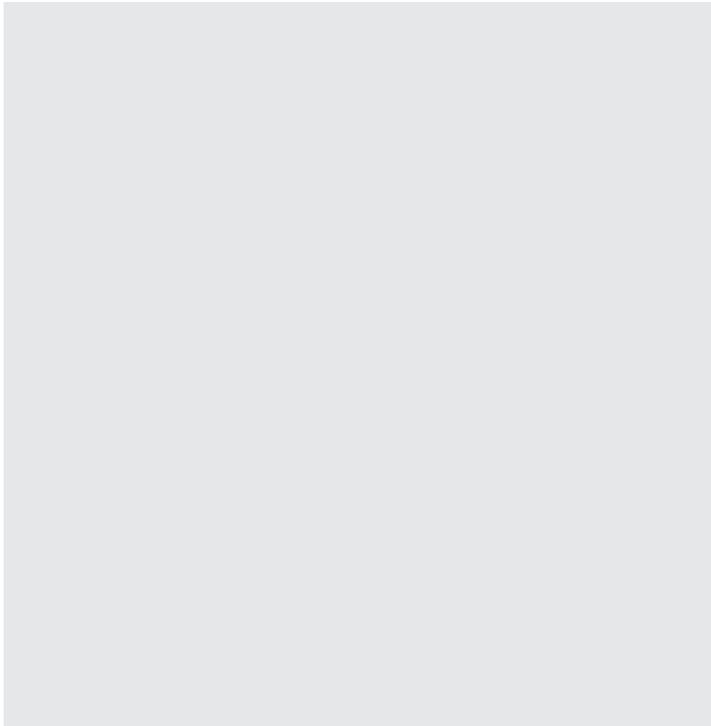
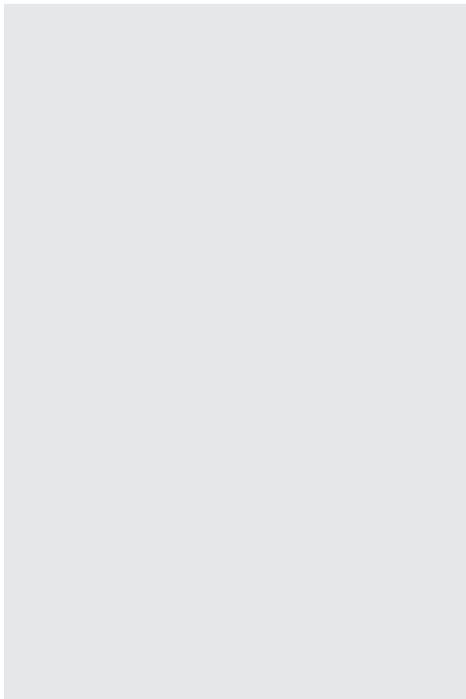
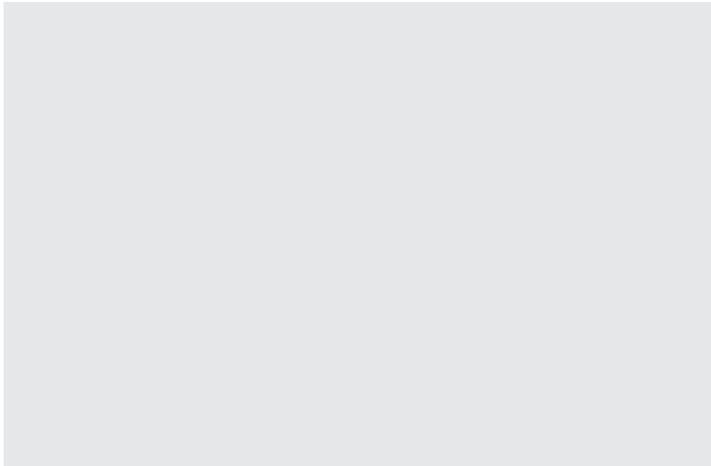
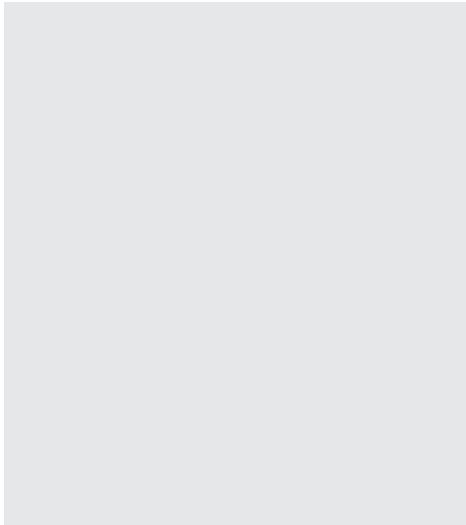
proved his expertise in part by earning a 98 percent on his quality control evaluation. Driven by challenge, he volunteered to train for the most critical duty position in a security forces squadron: security controller.

Sibit contributed to the squadron being named best small security forces unit, Air Force Space Command, for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 and being recognized as having the Air Force's best antiterrorism program operational unit for calendar year 2000.

Sibit often represents the first impression of Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station for public tours

and visiting dignitaries who enter the gates. Sibit also enjoys being involved in the community. He routinely volunteers off-duty time for events like the Halloween Pumpkin Patrol, which provided a safe trick-or-treat environment for the children at Peterson Air Force Base. During Air Force Academy football games he assists the 10th SFS in crowd and traffic control.

Sibit is an active athlete who played on the squadron intramural softball and football teams. His recent selection for promotion to Senior Airman Below-the-Zone further recognizes his accomplishments and potential. He is married to Airman 1st Class Andrea Sibit.



Spring fashions for golfers



Photo by Marjie Arnold

Members of the Peterson Ladies Golf Association take a look at spring golf fashions during a fashion show that featured several casual but stylish lines of clothing. According to Andy Anders, pro shop manager at Silver Spruce Golf Course, the fashion show was a huge success, and they hope to make it an annual event. The fashion show was hosted by Silver Spruce Golf Course and catered by the officers' club. Door prizes included golf shoes, golf wear, certificates for free massages, and special beauty products. Shoppers can still save 10 percent off all items in stock at the pro shop through April. For more information, call 556-7414.

Sports

Shorts

Softball coaches meeting

There will be an intramural softball coaches meeting Monday, 10:30 a.m., at the sports and fitness center. Call Les Stewart at 556-4475 for details.

Federal Cup 5K race

The 18th annual Federal Cup five-kilometer race for runners and racewalkers is May 19, 8:15 a.m., at the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood, Colo. The race also features a 1K fun run for children as well as refreshments, medals and trophies for winning individuals and teams, and a prize drawing for all 5K participants. Commemorative T-shirts will be available for \$7 on a first-come, first-served basis. Team categories include men, women, co-ed, masters and seniors. The pre-registration entry fee is \$5 (\$10 on race day). More specific Federal Cup information, including race entry forms and past race results, are available at the Federal Cup home page at: <http://fedcup.homestead.com>.

Bowling center

During April, the Month of the Military Child, children of active-duty military members can bowl up to three free games when they bowl with their parents. This offer is good throughout the month and is valid only when parents bowl with their children.

Peterson hosts Olympic volleyball team

By Staff Sgt. Gino Mattorano
21st SW Public Affairs

Peterson got a taste of Olympic Volleyball April 6 when the U.S. Men's team paid a visit to the base for a practice session and scrimmage against a Peterson team.

After the practice session, the national team took the floor for a match-up against a team of Peterson's finest volleyball players.

In the first game, the U.S. men got an early lead and never looked back as they cruised to a 25-17 defeat of the Peterson team, that only had three practice sessions together prior to the match.

In the second game, however, the Peterson team jelled together to give the national team a run for their money. Peterson took the lead at the midway point, but the national team pulled ahead to win the game 25-22.

Despite the loss, the Peterson team was happy for the chance to see how they stacked up against the U.S. men.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us," said Michael Caylor, team captain. "It's the kind of thing you dream about. Most of us were pretty relaxed going into the match, and after adjusting to the faster pace of the ball, we were able to hang with the national team - we lost the second game by only three points.

"Everyone contributed and most of the players got their coveted 'kill' - something they can tell their grandkids about. We all enjoyed the experience and were happy that no one got hurt in the process."

The Peterson team may get the chance to avenge their loss, as the national team is scheduled to visit Peterson again at the beginning of May to help the fitness center kick-off Fitness Month.

"We're trying to get people actively involved in fitness activities," said Les Stewart, Peterson intramural sports director, "and this is a great opportunity to get people into the gym.

"If we can get people to come out and see what a fabulous facility we have here, maybe we can encourage them to take advantage of the great programs and equip-

ment we have. I honestly believe the Peterson Fitness Center is the best fitness center in the Air Force.

"This is also a great opportunity for our community to get together to cheer on our Peterson team and see America's best in action."

For more information about Fitness month, contact Stewart at 556-4475 or 556-7708.



Scott Nelson, Peterson team, hits through the block of two U.S. National Team defenders in the first game of the match-up.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Gino Mattorano



A U.S. National Team player crushes one down the sideline, while Peterson defenders scramble to make a play on the ball.

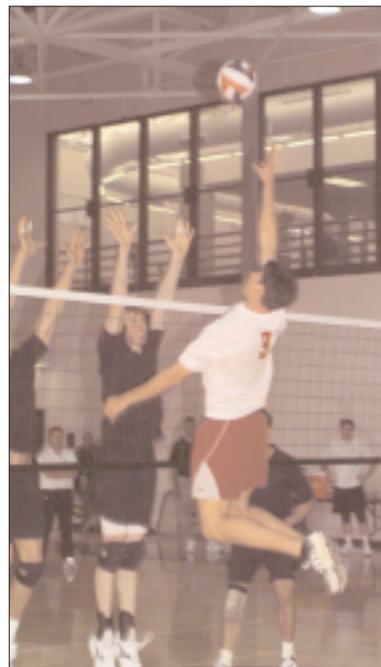


After the match, the national team players took some time to sign autographs for the nearly 50 spectators who attended the event.



Paul Larger, Peterson team, passes the ball, while teammates Rusty Lorenz and Nelson, prepare to attack the ball.

In a show of sportsmanship, both teams congratulate each other on a hard-fought match.



Miguel Garcia, tips the ball over the block of two U.S. National Team defenders.

Flight testing



Photo by Randy O'Brezar

A Boeing test pilot lands the X-32B Joint Strike Fighter at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., where the jet will undergo early rounds of testing. The Joint Strike Fighter X-32B demonstrator made its first flight March 29, and is now in a four-month test program to validate the aircraft's approach to short-takeoff-and-vertical-landing ability.

