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The 810 Medical Operations Squadron has a refill telephone number: 333-DRUG

USSPACE recipient of 2002 achievement award

By **Petty Officer 1st Class Beverly Allen**
U.S. Space Command Public Affairs

The Space Foundation presented the 2002 Space Foundation Space Achievement Award to the men and women of the United States Space Command during opening day of the National Space Symposium Monday.

USSPACE was selected in recognition of the command's application of space systems and technologies in the defense of the nation during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, the Commander in Chief for USSPACE said, "It's been a great privilege to lead the nearly 13,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines of the United States Space Command and our component commands. I am proud to accept this award on their behalf."

Eberhart continued, "You honor them this evening for their trailblazing application of capabilities in Operation Enduring Freedom and I couldn't agree more. None of us could have fathomed the events of 9-11, but even before the shock was over, your men and women in uniform went to work. Our people in U.S. Space Command are bringing the full capabilities of space to

bear in this war. From space, we are keeping a close eye on the theater."

The Space Achievement Award was presented April 8 during the 18th National Space Symposium's opening ceremony. The Space Foundation hosts the symposium, which gathers top space leaders from industry, the military and other government agencies.

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The Space Foundation annually recognizes an individual or organization that has demonstrated lifetime achievement, breakthrough space technology, or program or product success deemed to represent a criti-



Photo by Eugene Chavez

Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart speaks at the 18th National Space Symposium where the Space Foundation awarded U.S. Space Command the 2002 Space Foundation Space Achievement Award.

cal milestone in the evolution of space exploration and development. Previous recipients of the Space Achievement Award include the Hubble Space Telescope Team, Sea Launch, the NASA/Boeing International Space Station Team, General Thomas S. Moorman, Jr. and Capt. James Lovell,

Commander, Apollo 13. The Space Foundation is a national non-profit organization advancing space awareness and education. In addition to the National Symposium, the Foundation conducts the International Space Symposium, scheduled for Sept. 10-13 in Toulouse, France.

PAFB welcomes AFSPC airmen of the year nominees

By **Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano**
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Space Command's airmen of the year and first sergeant of the year nominees will arrive in Colorado Springs Monday to begin a week-long celebration to honor their nominations by their respective wings.

"We take great pride and pleasure to put on a first class program that honors our command's award winners and thanks them for the outstanding job they do for the Air Force and our great command," said Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Estrem, AFSPC command chief master sergeant.

Upon their arrival, the nominees will receive an official welcome by Gen. Ralph Eberhart, AFSPC commander, followed by a variety of other activities throughout the week. The nominees will tour the U.S. Air Force Academy, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station and Garden of the Gods, in addition to a variety of other on- and off-base dining and entertainment activities.

The week's events will culminate with the AFSPC Awards Banquet at the Peterson Air Force Base Enlisted Club Thursday.

Award winners in the AFSPC competition will go on to compete for

the Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year and First Sergeant of the Year.

Award Banquet tickets are now available through first sergeants or command chief master sergeants.



From the Top

Action Line

Got fast food?

Q: Is it possible to get another food outlet besides McDonalds on Peterson Air Force Base? Would it be possible to get a Kentucky Fried Chicken or Del Taco or a Taco Bell to give people another choice?

A: Thank you for your questions. Currently, we are not considering adding another fast food facility on Peterson AFB. Besides McDonalds, we currently have seven other food outlets to serve the base community. Anthony's Pizza and Frank's Franks are located in the main exchange. Robin Hood sub shop is located in the shoppette. We have snack bars in the bowling alley and at the golf course. And both the Officers' and Enlisted clubs offer dine-in or carry out service. If you have any other questions regarding food service on base, please contact the 21st Services Squadron Business Flight Chief, Steve Parker at 556-7412.

No Parking

Q: Why are the security forces allowed to park in the unauthorized parking area in front of the BX to get pizza or food? I don't think that is correct. If people who shop at the BX are not allowed to park there, security police should not be favored, and they send us the wrong message by allowing that to happen. Thank you.

A: Thank you for your question. As far as on-duty security Forces personnel parking in the no-parking area in front of the BX to pick up food, you are absolutely correct. This should not be happening, and corrective steps have been taken with the unit. However, when on-duty security forces personnel are in the BX performing official duties, i.e. mandatory BX walk-through or to pick up a detained shoplifter, they are authorized to park in the area in question. Let us know if you see our folks parking in that area again to pick up food. But I also ask that you take the time to thank our security forces troops for keeping us safe and secure. They're doing a great job!

Play it safe

Q: Can the play equipment at the bus stop on McGuire Street be repaired? We have asked the children not to play on it but they continue to use it and someone may get hurt. We have contacted several agencies and nothing seems to be done to repair the equipment.

A: Thank you for your call. After investigating the problem, we determined the playground equipment located near the McGuire Street bus stop does indeed pose a safety risk. The contractor performing work on the storm water sewer moved/damaged the equipment. They have removed the old playground equipment and new equipment will be installed soon. Thanks for looking out for our kids! If you have further questions, please call Tech. Sgt. Lemuel Campbell at 556-1634.

Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line is your direct line to the commander. As a reminder, the Action Line is not a replacement for your chain of command.

To submit a question or comment call 556-7777 or fax your question to 556-7848.



Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler
21st SW commander

21st Space Wing



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At a Glance



Unit: 12th Space Warning Squadron
Location: Thule Air Base, Greenland

Mission: The 12th SWS provides attack warning and assessments of sea-launched and intercontinental ballistic missiles. It passes that information to the NORAD missile warning center, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station.

The squadron is also responsible for a portion of the Air Force Space Command space surveillance program and assists in tracking nearly 9,500 objects now in Earth's orbit.

The AN/FPS-120 solid state, phased-array radar, known as SSPAR, represents a significant improvement over the old mechanical "radar fence" that was previously used. The radar can detect objects as far out as 2,800 nautical miles and can look over a 240-degree sweep. It can detect, at an extreme range, objects the size of a small automobile. It can detect smaller objects at closer ranges. A set of computers are used to control the radar and process the data it receives.

Because of its location in the arctic, the base is completely self-sufficient, with its own electric and steam plants, and water filtration and pumping system. There are two large petroleum tank farms that allow the base to operate without resupply for an extended period.

News Briefs

NORTH GATE CLOSED - Hamilton Avenue will be closed between Peterson Boulevard and Paine Street April 19 for the change of command ceremony. Permanent party personnel reporting to work between 7 and 10 a.m. should use the east gate. The north gate will be open to in-bound traffic only from 5-10 a.m. All vehicles entering through the north gate out-bound lane will be required to turn left at Paine Street to park at the Hartinger Building.

Buses will pick up passengers for transport to the change of com-

mand ceremony in Hangar 140 between 9 and 9:30 a.m. at Air Force Space Command headquarters (Bldg. 1), U.S. Space Command headquarters (Bldg. 1470), Bldg. 350, Bldg. 2025, and the softball field (near the post office and clothing sales).

Buses will return from the hangar to those pickup points between 11 and 11:30 a.m. In addition, buses will transport attendees from the officers club to Buildings 1 and 1470 between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

For information about schedules and routes, contact Master Sgt. Tyrone

Smith, 556-4863.

OAY BANQUET - The Outstanding Airmen of the Year Banquet is April 19 at the enlisted club. The social begins at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available through your first sergeant or command chief.

KELLY ROAD CLOSURE - The north section of Kelly Street will be closed from 6 p.m. today until 6 a.m. Monday for expansion of the existing sanitary sewer system for the new NORAD/U.S. Space Command and Army Space Command buildings. Use

of the sewer system will not be affected during this work.

Shoppette access will be gained from the South end of Kelly Street.

INSTRUCTOR OPENING - The Peterson Air Force Base Airman Leadership School is accepting special duty applications through July 31.

The school is looking for a staff sergeant with at least an associate's degree or the ability to complete one within 12 months.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Joey Quiroz at 556-7737 or Staff Sgt. Kevin Allen at 556-4940.



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News

Chief's panel offers insights to enlisted issues

By Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Peterson's officer corps recently had the opportunity to pick the brains of several of Peterson top enlisted members.

The Air Force Cadet/Officer Mentor Action Program of the Pikes Peak region sponsored the chief's panel, which featured eight chief master sergeants from various organizations around Peterson addressing issues ranging from writing enlisted evaluations to their thoughts on current leadership.

"Chiefs are a select group of folks," said Maj. Louis Fletcher, AFCOMAP vice president of plans and programs and moderator for the panel. "Being in the top one percent of the enlisted corps, they offer us unique insight into the current mindset of our Air Force leadership. In addition, they can help us to better understand the needs of enlisted members, and how best to help them achieve their career goals."

"Learn all you can about leadership, and then take the knowledge you learn to teach your people."

- Chief Master Sgt.
Amos Williams

Command Vehicle and Equipment Manager,
Headquarters Air Force Space Command

The AFCOMAP is a national organization that promotes mentoring among Air Force officers and future Air Force officers in the Reserve Officer Training Corps and the Air Force Academy.

Chief Master Sgt. Dale Wise, Operations Superintendent for North American Aerospace Defense Command, responded to a question about defining milestones for career progression.

"It's hard to come up with a generic model for all," said Wise.

"But each career field should come up with one for that career field."

Chief Master Sgt. David Porter, Security Forces Manager for the 21st Security Forces Squadron added, "Enlisted members need more career guidance. Officers have mentoring programs, but we don't do a lot of that for our airmen. I wish I would have had a mentor to tell me what it would take to make chief. Having someone to give career advice will help to make better airmen and NCOs."

The chiefs also spoke about how officers can help enlisted members to be better airmen by reinforcing the things airmen learn in basic training.

"Our airmen learn discipline at basic training," said Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Coleman, Chief, Fire Protection Inspections for the AFSPC Inspector General Team. "Our NCOs need your help ensuring airmen maintain that level of discipline."

Chief Master Sgt. Amos Williams, Command Vehicle and Equipment Manager, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, addressed the

question of what is the most important professional development tool you can use?

"You can't teach what you don't know," said Williams. "Learn all you can about leadership, and then take the knowledge you learn to teach your people."

Chief Master Sgt. David Figueroa, Superintendent, Military Personnel Flight, 21st Mission Support Squadron, added, "Just remember that every time you make a leadership decision, it's based on something you've learned from someone else.

"Take every opportunity to mentor. Every leadership decision you make is another tool you have to use or pass on to someone else."

Chief Master Sgt. Teresa Seufert, Manager, Area Dental Laboratory, 10th Dental Squadron, summarized by saying, "I've learned that a person's reputation isn't built on what he says, but what he does. No one will listen to everything you say, but they will watch everything you do. Be very careful how you behave, look and talk."

Wing safety office takes on commissary parking challenge

By Lynn Gonzales
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Parking between the North American Aerospace Defense Command/U.S. Space Command headquarters and the base exchange/commissary went through some changes Monday.

The 21st Space Wing Safety Office put signs up that designate a large section of the parking lot between the two buildings for BX and commissary customers only. Employees and visitors of building 1470 must use the parking lots north and west of it.

"In order to improve both traffic flow and safety in and around building 1470, the BX and the commissary, everyone who works in 1470 needs to park north of the east/west road between the commissary and 1470," said

Maj. Patrick Goodman, 21st Space Wing safety chief.

People working or visiting the headquarters building must park in parking lots designated for Bldg. 1470, located north and west of the building.

Requiring people to park in these designated lots will almost double the amount of parking available for BX/commissary patrons during the day.

But getting people to park in the correct lots is only one challenge.

"We have more vehicle mishaps at the BX/commissary than any other location on base," Goodman said.

"People need to also drive at the speed limit, watch out for pedestrians, stay within the lanes, and finally, don't back up to get to a parking spot."

The speed limit in the parking lot is 5 mph.



Courtesy photo

At 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning, the base exchange/commissary parking lot was already full of cars from Bldg. 1470. Under the new plan, people who work at Bldg. 1470 will be required to park in designated areas.

Air Force Academy to host WalkAmerica charity event

By Melanie Epperson
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The March of Dimes annual WalkAmerica event is scheduled for April 27 at the U. S. Air Force Academy.

"We're looking for team captains and participants for this year's walk," said Master Sgt. Julian Plymale, "Last year Peterson Air Force Base had 10 teams and raised \$5,698 for one of the most noble causes: saving babies."

According to Staff Sgt. Kevin Allen, a team captain, there are several ways you can support WalkAmerica.

One way is to be a walker and gather pledges.

"If you're interested in walking, the course covers 5.5 miles at the Air Force Academy," Allen said.

"There are a variety of road conditions, so people will want to have good shoes and a good stretch beforehand."

The route begins east of Falcon Stadium and winds around to the back road leading into housing. The course then bears west on Douglass Drive and follows a dirt walking path to Interior Loop. From there it's uphill to Academy Drive then east on the paved and dirt paths that run beside it. The walk ends after walkers enter Falcon Stadium and arrive back to the starting point.

"We will finish the walk with lunch and entertainment inside Falcon Stadium," Plymale added.

Another way to participate is to pledge other walkers.

"If you can't make the walk, you can always make a donation," Allen said.

"You can support the March of Dimes by pledging money to the walkers in your duty section or on another team."

Some people may choose to participate in a support capacity.

"If you'd like to work at the WalkAmerica event, e-mail me your name, and I'll get it to the local coordinator," Allen said. "You'll be spending part of the day doing something you'll never forget, and you'll be able to cheer the walkers on."

Walkers in the event can also win prizes.

"They'll be giving away T-shirts, burrito bucks, wind breakers, disposable cell phones and a lot more," Allen said.

At the end of the walk, anyone that turns in pledge donations of \$25 or more will eat lunch free.

For team captain registration forms, maps and information sheets, call Plymale at 556-4074 or e-mail him at julian.plymale@peterson.af.mil.

"If you want to walk but don't have a team," Allen added, "you can walk with the my team." Call 556-4940 or e-mail kevin.allen@peterson.af.mil to sign up.

According to March of Dimes statistics, 1,146 babies are born in an average week in Colorado. Of these, eight will die before their first birthday. The March of Dimes has existed for more than 63 years, and in this time, its programs and research have saved millions of babies from death or disability.

For more information about the March of Dimes, visit www.modimes.org or contact Columbine Division Director, Lisa Marquette at 719-473-9981.



Around the Air Force

Defense officials defend using new bomb

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

Despite reports to the contrary, defense officials said they have not violated the law of armed conflict during the war on terrorism.

Some media organizations, including The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, have questioned the Air Force's use of the BLU-118/B "thermobaric" bomb on March 5 against al Qaeda fighters in a cave near Gardez, Afghanistan. Critics have claimed the bomb qualifies as a weapon of mass destruction because it is designed to detonate in two stages.

That claim is untrue, officials said.

The design of the BLU-118 allows for greater internal blast effectiveness, said Lt. Col. Thomas Ward, program manager of the hard target defeat branch of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

"This is done with a single-stage detonation, not in two stages as hypothesized by the articles," he said.

"Many explosive fills try to balance the fuel and oxidizer within the same mix," Ward said. "The general principle behind the new weapon is to carry a higher percentage of fuel, and attempt to use available oxygen from the target area to add to the reaction, resulting in a higher overpressure."

Other reported inaccuracies were caused in part, Ward said, by wrongly comparing the BLU-118 to a dissimilar Russian weapon. The Russian weapons used during Russia's occupation of Afghanistan and, more recently, in Chechnya are more similar to a fuel-air explosive. These fuel-air bombs relied on a mist of liquid explosives to provide a secondary detonation.

The United States used a two-stage fuel-air explosive weapon, the BLU-82, in Vietnam. During the first stage, the fuel was spread and combined with oxygen in the atmosphere. A second stage detonator then ignited the fuel-air mixture. Unlike the BLU-82 or the Russian weapons, the BLU-118 uses a solid explosive that is detonated without previously having been dispersed and mixed with air, thereby making it a single-stage weapon.

The BLU-118 uses its fuel-rich composition to release energy over a longer period than traditional explosives, thereby creating a longer-duration blast effect when detonated in a confined area, such as a cave.

"The blast pressure from a traditional bomb explosive material starts strong but dissipates rapidly, which can result in relatively limited base effects deep within tunnels," said Lt. Cmdr. Donald Sewell of the office of the Secretary of Defense for public affairs.

"The blast pressure of a thermobaric weapon, which combines a smaller amount of traditional explosive material with fuel enriched compounds (mostly aluminum), begins less strongly but builds within a confined space and extends over longer duration," he said.

This increased blast pressure produces destructive effects over much greater distances within a tunnel or cave.

An added benefit to the thermobaric bomb, Sewell said, is reduced potential for collateral damage when detonated outside of a confined space.

"As with all new weapon acquisitions and modifications, use of the BLU-118 was reviewed and found consistent with all international legal obligations of the United States, including the law of armed conflict," Sewell said.



Courtesy photo
A BLU-118 thermobaric bomb, like the one used against the al Qaeda March 5, awaits transport.

Guardian Challenge

Teams vie for Aldridge Trophy

The Aldridge Trophy is the most sought out recognition for space operations units during May's Guardian Challenge competition.

The trophy was named after the 16th Secretary of the Air Force, Edward "Pete" Aldridge, Jr. He was responsible from 1986 to 1988 of the National Reconnaissance Office and the Air Force space program.

Aldridge was an advocate of satellite systems and operations. He was actually a payload specialist astronaut in training at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. However, he never completed a space launch mission due to the aftermath of the Challenger accident.

The Aldridge Trophy focuses on the collaborative effort of all competing squadrons including best missile and space operations, communications maintenance, security forces and services chefs.

Over the past few years the 21st Space Wing, and the 50th SW, Schriever AFB, Colo., have competed neck-and-neck for the trophy.

In 1998, the 21st SW won the trophy and in 1999, the 50th SW took control of it. Peterson won it back in 2000 and earned the back-to-back victory in 2001.

When the dust settles at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., the 21st SW Knights are determined to return to Peterson with the 3-peat victory.



Communications squadron ready for Guardian Challenge competition

Editor's note: This is the second in a series on 21st Space Wing participation in Guardian Challenge 2002.

By Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing's team of technical controllers are gearing up for competition in the Space Communications portion of Guardian Challenge 2002.

These high-tech troubleshooting wizards will pit their skills against other technical controllers in a competition that will test their skills at maintaining communications systems.

Since each unit competing has a slightly different mission, competition scenarios are designed to keep the competition fair for each unit competing.

"We specifically designed the script for the mission our technical controllers do here at Peterson," said Master Sgt. Ronald Kelley, 21st Communications Squadron. Each team of controllers will be evaluated based on the mission they do on a daily basis. Our controllers have a different day-to-day mission than the other teams they're competing against, so in order for the competition to be fair, they must evaluate each team with a separate set of criteria."

The 21st CS team will compete against the other Air



U.S. Air Force Photo

Iron Mike, mascot for the 21st Space Wing Knights, leads the team's arrival to Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., for Guardian Challenge 2001. The 21st Space Wing team and Iron Mike will be returning to Vandenberg May 6-10 to compete in the annual competition.

Force Space Command units like the 50th Space Wing at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo. for bragging rights as best space communications team.

"We selected our very best people," said Kelley. "They are the excellent technicians and I am confident they'll win the competition."

Technical controllers are responsible for the day-to-day oversight of base network system infrastructures.

Essentially, we're the central nervous system of Peterson's network operations," said Staff Sgt. Chris Valgardson, 21st CS Guardian

Challenge team member. "We control performance of networks and communications-computer systems to include configuration, operation, identify problems, and take corrective action restoring communication circuits."

So how do you design a competition for technical controllers?

"Our team will be evaluated on all of the various phases of day-to-day operations" said Kelley. They will be tested on their ability to restore communications systems to operational status, respond to emergency situations and communications security inci-

dents. Points will be assessed for each task and our team will be graded on how well they do."

To prepare for competition, the 21st CS team uses a training network that allows them to practice finding problems with network operations without affecting real-world network operations.

While other units will compete at Vandenberg, Technical controllers will compete at their respective bases. The 21st CS team will compete here at Peterson April 23. Results of the competition won't be available until closing ceremonies, May 9.

Guardian Challenge 2002 Space Communications Team 21st Communications Squadron

- Staff Sgt. Cory Leathers
- Staff Sgt. Ryan Rundell
- Staff Sgt. Chris Valgardson

Guardian Challenge

AFSPC holds first honor guard competition

By Master Sgt. Austin Carter
AFSPC Public Affairs

For the first time in the Air Force, honors will come to the honor guard.

Air Force Space Command holds a competition here April 23-24 that tests the skills of the seven honor guard teams throughout the command. Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., Malmstrom AFB, Mont., F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., Vandenberg AFB, Calif., and Minot AFB, N.D., (with members from the 91st Space Wing and Air Combat Command's 5th Bomb Wing) are each sending teams. Buckley AFB, Peterson and Schriever AFB, all within a short distance of each other in Colorado, are combining for one team. Los Angeles AFB and March AFB, Calif., are doing the same. Each team consists of 10 members - a minimum of one officer with nine enlisted members.

The winner of the competition will be the honor guard to perform at Guardian Challenge held at Vandenberg May 5-10.

Teams vie for awards in the following six categories: posting and retiring colors, folding the flag, firing party, pall bearers, weapon cleaning and standard funeral honors. The standard funeral was opted for because a full honor funeral (reserved only for an active-duty member) requires 21 people.

If a tie-breaker is needed, the four judges from the Air Force Honor Guard at Bolling AFB, Md., will add in the results of a uniform inspection from the first morning.

"We wanted to give more emphasis to tasks similar to the ones they do every day on their base as members of the honor guard," said Senior Master Sgt. Kathryn Godfrey, Headquarters Air Force Space Command Directorate of Services, who is the functional manager of the event.

Although a wing commander program, the base services squadron executes the base honor guard mission.

Godfrey said the purpose of the honor guard unit is to provide military funeral honors for servicemembers, retirees and veterans. This is the first time in the history of the Air Force, she added, that these skills have been offered up as the basis for a competition.



However, the results of having awards for the honor guard teams mean much more than trophies.

"The benefit is to show our appreciation for what these members do. They have other jobs - communications, transportation, finance. They give up their nights and weekends to do this," Godfrey said. "We also hope that it will help recruitment and standardization for the honor guard."

After years of downsizing, the workload of the base honor guard has grown substantially with less and less military members volunteering. The result is fewer honor guard members covering a widening territory. In Montana, for example, the Malmstrom Honor Guard's area of responsibility covers the entire state plus a chunk of Northern Wyoming for a whopping 150,000 square miles. It sometimes takes them 10 hours to get to a funeral. Even in more-populated areas, the workload doesn't diminish. Members of the Patrick honor guard are in the middle of a sunny clime where retirees outnumber the active-duty members at more than 20 to 1. With so many aging World War II, Korean and Vietnam vets, they often are called to two or three funerals a day.

Two years ago, the command chiefs of AFSPC decided it was finally time to stop talking about doing something to recognize the teams for what they do. It was time to make it happen.

Although it's been a long road of approvals, rule writing and staffing on all levels, Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Estrem, the command chief master sergeant of AFSPC, said it was worth the effort.

Members of the Air Force Honor Guard are attending the event, not only as judges, but also as observers. The aim, the chief said, is to make this a possible Air Force-wide honor guard competition in the future. But whether the Air Force picks it up or not, 2003 will see a Second Annual AFSPC Honor Guard Competition.

All Department of Defense cardholders are invited to attend the event, which will be held in Hangar 140 on Peterson's flightline.

"We want it to be a grand competition," the chief said. "We want to show the world what these people do. Everyone is invited to come and observe. These teams have a lot of



Photos by Dennis Plummer

Members of the High Frontier Honor Guard Competition Team practice funeral honors, top and bottom left, which includes carrying the casket to its resting place. Below, Senior Airmen Gabriel Lewis and Airman 1st Class Bret Ehrenfried practice techniques for the firing party, which culminates in a 21-gun salute.

motivation and camaraderie. And we want them to hoop it up and have a good time."

Base honor guard members are preparing by putting in more hours training at their home bases. The commands and procedures used by the Air Force Honor Guard have been sent to each of the bases along with the M-14 rifle, the competition weapon for the firing party.

"We're really working hard," said 2nd Lt. Joshua Johnson, the officer in charge and chief trainer for the Patrick Honor Guard. "We're used to the M-16 in our firing party maneuvers, but we're shaking off the 'I can't's' and going on. In any competition, you're nervous but optimistic."

The Patrick team has reason to be optimistic. Being in the heart of retiree country, they perform services at funerals several times a week.

"We like to think we're the best at it, because we have a lot of practice," the lieutenant said. He had led his honor guard at both a retired brigadier general and a chief's funerals that day.

Senior Airman Alexander Fletcher, member of the Minot Honor Guard, said that his team has doubled the hours they spend practicing a week and will likely add in weekend practice as well.

"It's the little things," he said about the effort to conform to the Air Force rules sent to them. "We're having to learn to perform as the Air Force Honor Guard requirements now. We're all learning a little bit more than we ordinarily would without the competition. Everyone on the team is going to be getting a lot of practice."

That's another benefit of the



competition besides the reward and recruitment aspect, said Godfrey.

"This ultimately will give us a better honor guard," she said. "It sharpens the skill levels of the teams. The honor guard honors those who have served before us and is what most families remember about the Air Force. It leaves a lasting impression."

A lasting impression is what brought Johnson to the honor guard.

"When I was 19, my grandpa, a World War II vet, passed on and was buried at Arlington," he said. "It was done by the Army and I was blown away by that moment. When I got to Patrick I asked to be on the honor guard. To add that moment for a family, that's incredible."

The opening ceremony for the honor guard competition is at 7:30 a.m., April 23, in Hangar 140. The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard members attending the competition at Peterson hold a question-and-answer and recruiting session for anyone interested in their unit from 10 a.m. to noon, April 25, in the enlisted club.

Those interested in attending the awards banquet should call Godfrey at DSN 692-3646 for reservations.

Today

■ Arc welding class, 5 p.m., auto skills center.

Sunday

■ Sunday brunch, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., officers' club.

Monday

■ Customer appreciation case lot sale, 2-6:30 p.m., base commissary.
■ Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Family Advocacy Center.

Tuesday

■ Sponsorship training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Family Support Center.
■ Bundles for Babies, 1-3 p.m., Family Support Center.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson

Start your engines

Officials from Pike's Peak International Raceway show off a NASCAR while they pass out tickets to military members and dependents for Armed Forces Appreciation Day and the NASCAR 200 Craftsman Truck Race to be held May 19.

Wednesday

■ Country buffet featuring roast pork and chicken and dumplings, 5-7 p.m., enlisted club.

Thursday

■ Children's play group, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., base chapel.
■ Career marketing workshop, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Family Support Center.

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy Center 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers' Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support Center 556-6141
- Chapel 556-4442
- Red Cross 556-9201

Community Notes

Community News

RESUME REVIEW CLASS - A resume review class will be offered 9-11 a.m., Monday, Family Support Center. The class has been added this month for those who want to complete their resume before the Department of Defense Career Fair April 24. For more information, call 556-6141.
CAREER FAIR - The Department of Defense Regional Spring Career Fair is scheduled for April 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Colorado Springs World Arena, 3185 Venetucci Boulevard.

Those interested in employment should bring several copies of their resumes and dress for an interview. For more information, call 333-3444.
CHILD CARE - Military spouses who provide child care, or who want to, for children other than their own for a total of 10 hours or more per week must be licensed to do so in on-base quarters. The support group commander may revoke the housing privileges of anyone who refuses to become licensed.

To learn more about family child care as a career, call the FCC office at 556-4322.

MILITARY MARRIAGE SEMINAR - A two-day seminar for couples who are married or are planning to get married is scheduled for April 26, 6-9:30 p.m., and April 27, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Community Center Auditorium and the Community Center Chapel at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The Military Marriage Seminar is an adaptation of the internationally known Family Life Marriage Seminar, especially designed to equip military couples with God's plan for marriage.

Cost ranges from \$15-\$40 per couple, depending on rank. A person attending alone pays half price. The price includes manuals, refreshments and lunch Saturday. There will be a \$5

discount if registration is postmarked on or before Monday.

For more information or to register, call Miki Tedesco at 282-3216.

YOUTH SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS - Open registration for summer camps will be held 8-9:30 a.m., April 18, base auditorium. Camps in archery, baseball, basketball, golf, National Football League, soccer or tennis are available. Space is limited. To learn more, call 556-7220.

PIKES PEAK MILITARY FAMILY COOKBOOK - The Peterson Air Force Base Officers' Wives' Club is creating a cookbook and wants to include all military families in the Pikes Peak region. Rules for submission:

- All recipes must be neatly handwritten or typed.
- One recipe per page.
- Clearly state your recipe title.
- Include your name, military affiliation and phone number.
- List all ingredients, followed by the directions.

Submissions may be made by e-mailing Linh Narum at lnarum@msn.com or mailing Linh Narum, c/o Peterson Officers' Wives' Club, P.O. Box 14066, Peterson AFB, Colo.. For more information, call Narum at 591-7010.

RED CROSS CLASSES - The American Red Cross is offering a number of classes throughout April.

The classes and fees are as follows:

- Babysitter training for youth ages 11-15, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., tomorrow and April 20. There is a \$30 fee.
- Child and infant CPR, 6-10 p.m., Wednesday. There is a \$35 fee.

For details, call 556-7590.
CLUB MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - Nominations and essays for scholarships available through the enlisted and officers' clubs must be received by July 15.

Essays should be 500 words on the topic, "Air Force clubs -- how to continue the tradition.

For details on eligibility and submitting a nomination, call club managers at 556-4194 or 556-4181.

AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND BLOOD DRIVE - Air Force Space Command Directorate of Logistics will sponsor a blood drive April 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in the auditorium of Building 1.

People 17 and older who are in general good health may donate.

For more information or to sign up, call 554-3626.

SINGLE PARENT GROUP LUNCH - Family Advocacy Program will host a brown bag luncheon for single parents April 24, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Family Support Center classroom. Single Parent Group shares experiences and discusses survival techniques of single parenting. To learn more, call 556-7220.

Community Activities Center

FINGER-PAINTING - Children ages 3-5 may attend finger-painting for kids, Saturday at the CAC. Parents must accompany kids. Space is limited.

For more information or to sign up, call 556-1732.

YOUTH ART CLASSES - Children ages 10-13 may attend art classes April 27, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at the CAC. Space is limited.

To learn more or sign up, call 556-1733.

DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING - A dog obedience training class will be held starting May 7 for seven weeks.

There is a \$99 fee per dog. Owners must bring a six-foot leash. All other supplies will be furnished.

For more information or to sign up, call 556-1733.

Peterson Air Force Base Chapel Schedule

Protestant Services

Liturgical Worship 8:15 a.m.

Traditional Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Gospel Services 12:30 p.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Catholic Services

Mass Weekdays 11:35 a.m.

Saturdays 5 p.m.
Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation Saturdays 4 p.m.

Religious Education

Adult and pre K-12th grade Sundays 8:30 a.m.

Do you want that next stripe?

Master Sgt.

Christine Pinkney

721st Communication Squadron

Someone has to be promoted. Why not you? Have you put any effort into making that next rank? Why do you deserve the next stripe more than your peers? Do you want that next stripe? If you're a "fast burner," do you know what it takes to make the next rank? It surely does not start when you make master sergeant. It encompasses achievements from past years. Every successful accomplishment is a stepping-stone for the next stripe, and the next.

So, what do you need to do? First, you need to moti-

vate yourself to obtain the next rank, whether your motivation is more responsibility, prestige or simply a bigger paycheck. You know what is important in your life, and that will be your driving factor.

Whatever your motivation, draw from it and set the necessary goals to move up the enlisted ranks. Know the path you will walk to reach those goals and take control of your destiny. Do not allow someone else to take your stripes.

Airmen compete and test under the Weighted Airman Promotion System. However, consideration for promotion to the grades of E8 and E9 is slightly different. A central evaluation board reviews an individual's past performance using the whole-person concept. Why would that matter to a senior airman testing for staff? The selection board for E8 and E9 reviews a members past 10 enlisted performance reports to gain a better picture

of that person. Thus a board might review EPRs dated from when a person was an airman, if the individual was a "fast burner."

What attributes does a selection board look for? Airmen, as well as NCOs, should be aware of the criteria to contend for the top three percent of the enlisted force so they may set their goals early in their career. The whole-person concept includes such factors as professional competence, job responsibility, breadth of experience, specific achievements, education and performance (leadership and management skills).

Members should also have a Meritorious Service Medal and senior rater endorsement on the latest EPR, and must have completed both the senior NCO Correspondence Course and a Community College of the Air Force degree to be competitive with other master sergeants.

What will make you

stand out from your peers if everyone meets minimum requirements? Continuing your education within career field spectrum, constant community and unit involvement, awards, and decorations will.

An area the selection board may look for when reviewing your EPRs is a trend. Did you just start doing community work or have you been volunteering throughout your career? Have you always outpaced your peers? Of course, the latest EPRs weigh more than the older EPRs, but showing a trend is a positive mark. Trends begin at the early stages of your enlisted career. Positive involvement is a must and being active makes you stand out. That goes hand-in-hand with selection for quarterly and annual awards.

What you do early in your career will impact future promotions, no matter how insignificant you may think it is. The selection board notices people who go beyond normal performance. Start setting your goals as an airman. It is never too early to start thinking "chief."

Now that you have a little insight on what you need to do to move up the enlisted ranks, you have to decide what you want.

As William Jennings Bryan said, "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved." Is wearing that next stripe part of your destiny?

Airmen have chance to advance

By Staff Sgt.

Timothy Turley

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"Opportunity" is defined as "a chance for advancement or improvement." The key word in the definition is "chance." In order to take advantage of an opportunity, you need to take the chance.

One important opportunity is education. Education can help you accomplish a number of specific goals. It could be the difference in you making the next stripe or the deciding factor in applying for Officer Training School.

There are several avenues to become a commissioned officer in the United States Air Force. Some that come to mind include the Bootstrap program, the Airman Education and Commissioning Program, Air Force ROTC, and appointment to OTS after earning a bachelor's degree.

These programs are very competitive. You have to do some research to find the requirements for each of these programs and find the one that best fits your situation. A visit to your education office would be a great place to start.

For an appointment to OTS you need a bachelor's degree. You will also need your commander's recommendation, a qualifying score on the Air Force Officer Qualifications Test, excellent performance reports, and several other requirements.

This is just one great opportunity for an enlisted person interested in a commission. If you want to become a commissioned officer or whatever your career goals might be, a little hard work, research and dedication can help you reach your goals.

Air Force puts anti-drug message on track

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials announced a partnership April 5 with the Office of National Drug Control Policy to carry anti-drug messages to millions of young people with a specially designed racecar with the slogan "Racing: My Anti-Drug."

The No. 34 car, driven by rookie Stuart Kirby and owned by Spencer Motor Ventures, will run 15 televised races this year in the NASCAR Busch Series.

Kirby drove the car on its inaugural race April 6 in the O'Reilly 300 at Texas Motor Speedway near Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, but left the race early in a first lap crash.

NASCAR has a fan base of 75 million, 3 million of whom are teen-agers, the media campaign's target audience.

"Our partnership is a natural fit," said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, commander of Air Force Recruiting Service. "One of our core messages to young people is they must graduate from high school drug free. We want young men and women to keep all of their career options open. Drug use closes many of the doors they have otherwise open."

The campaign encourages youth to seek out positive things in their lives that stand between them and drugs," said John P. Walters, director of ONDCP.

"We know that for many young people, being involved in sports is a powerful deterrent to using drugs," Walters said. "Joining efforts with the U.S. Air Force and a young talent such as Stuart Kirby drives home the message that by rejecting drugs, your goals can be achieved."

Kirby is a 20-year old Kentucky native who began racing go-karts at age 11. After winning local and state races, he moved on to world competitions and fulfilled his dream of racing at the Daytona International Speedway.

He attributes his success to the influence of his



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father and his devotion to the sport.

"Racing has always been the one thing that keeps me going," said Kirby. "Driving in NASCAR is a goal I would never have accomplished if I had wasted my time with drugs."

By carrying the "Racing: My Anti-Drug" brand on his car, Kirby said he plans to promote anti-drug

messages to NASCAR fans and youth across America. He will join veteran NASCAR driver Jimmy Spencer in using interviews and appearances to engage youth in considering and declaring their "anti-drugs," or the positive things that stand between them and drugs.

(Courtesy of Air Force Recruiting Service)

Straight Talk Line 556-9154

Call the 21st Space Wing Straight Talk Line for current information on real-world wing events.