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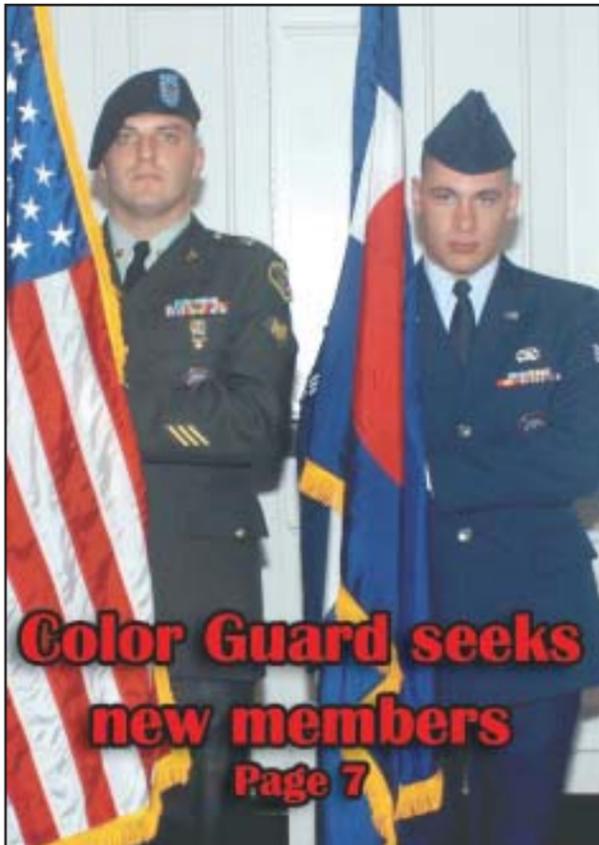
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Secretary, chief send Patriot Day message

Editor's note: The following is a Patriot Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

On the third anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, the world will remember those tragically lost (because of) the heinous actions of terrorists in New York, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. These were attacks against freedom, democracy and humanity that carried a high human toll as citizens from the United States and

many other countries lost their lives. This Patriot Day, we honor the memories of those lost, and we pay tribute to those answering freedom's call to combat terrorism around the world.

Your efforts over the last three years have been phenomenal. You continue to professionally safeguard the skies of America. You have dispersed al-Qaida and toppled the Taliban government in Afghanistan. And, you were instrumental in ending a cruel regime in Iraq and ensuring that a new, democrat-

ic government could take root. Our superior total force of active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen continue to brilliantly answer America's call to defend peace and freedom. Our country is confident in your capabilities and proud of your service.

Unfortunately, on this, the third Patriot Day, our mission is not complete. Those who indiscriminately killed more than 3,000 people on Sept. 11 are still dedicated to terrorizing our nation and the world because we value life, believe

in liberty and welcome democracy as the people's voice.

Let's remember those who are deployed in harm's way to defend the American way of life. And, let's ensure their families are taken care of while they're away from home.

As Airmen, our cause is just and noble. Our country depends on us to stay the course.

Thanks for all you do for America and our Air Force. May God bless you, and may God bless America.

Adapting to AEF Cycle: What it means to AFSPC

By Gen. Lance W. Lord
Air Force Space Command commander

The Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, recently announced the Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycle has been lengthened to a 20-month cycle and will have 120-day deployments. This adjustment will help us provide better continuity to the combatant commanders as we continue to fight the Global War on Terrorism. Before AEF Cycle 5, deployments were approximately 90 days.

Experience has shown

that this was not sufficient, as spin-up time and preparation for redeployment to home station eroded the usable time to 60 days or less. With 120-day deployments, continuity and usability of our deployment forces should be significantly increased.

Along with this change, every commander in the Air Force has been tasked to expand his or her pool of deployable personnel. In AFSPC, we need to posture all our authorizations in the AEF libraries, even those authorizations that had been exempt in

the past. By doing so, senior leaders can prioritize mission requirements and better determine what capabilities the Air Force, and in particular AFSPC, can bring to the fight.

As an example, AFSPC previously did not posture our 20th Air Force missile field security forces. Now, however, they will be postured. This will allow senior leadership to weigh mission priorities, risks and the ramifications of all forces and determine where best to deploy them.

It's important to keep in mind that all Airmen are

deployable. Our AFSPC mission is essential to the fight and we have to ensure that our combatant commanders' requirements are met, both in the deployed environment and here at our home stations.

In a recent "Sight Picture," the AF Chief of Staff said, "Every Airman - Active, Guard, Reserve and Civilian - must be focused on our national commitment to the Global War on Terrorism. Our job is to deploy and deal with terrorists wherever they are in the world..."

Every member of this

command is crucial to the fight, whether launching, operating, securing or supporting an AFSPC weapon system or carrying a weapon in Iraq.

Everyone must do his or her part as we continue this battle. Our people are our most precious resource and are key to our success as a command and an Air Force. With the dedicated professionals in AFSPC, we will continue to bring the fight to the enemy and we will prevail.

(Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)

Action Lines

Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line is your direct link to the 21st Space Wing Commander. We suggest you first try to resolve problems at the lowest level possible - with the person or activity, and then follow the chain of command.

Though it's not required, we ask that you leave your name and phone number so we can get back to you for clarifications, or if your response isn't printed. If you can't get satisfactory results, call 556-7777, or fax your question to 556-7848.

Drainage problem

Question: Can a better drainage system be put in at the West Gate? On July 16 around 5:30 p.m. we had a very heavy rain, I was concerned about driving through the West Gate because the water was so deep.

Answer: Our Civil Engineer horizontal section discovered a problem with our drainage outlet in that area. Due to heavy rainfall in a short period of time, a large amount of debris had built up and blocked the

flow of water at that point. With debris removal underway, flooding problems at the West Gate should be alleviated. Our Civil Engineers have added this area to their periodic inspection checklist to keep eyes on that potential problem area. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Lorenzo Luechtefeld at 556-1450.

No exceptions to safety

Question: Are Embassy Employees exempt from following the base's safety rules? I have seen one bicyclist not wearing a helmet and two motor vehicle drivers not wearing seatbelts.

Answer: Everyone who operates or is a passenger in a motor vehicle must comply with the safety requirements and base traffic rules. So whether we're on or off base, seatbelts are required. Bicyclists are required to wear a properly fastened helmet when riding on base. These rules apply to military members, civilian employees and dependents. For more informa-

tion, call Sandra Mock at 556-8001.

Repairs take time

Question: Why aren't the flags on the streetlights flown properly? The storm we had the other day destroyed and bent several of the flags. They were hanging down, pointing to the ground, instead of in the air. You would think someone would notice it and correct it within a 24-hour period.

Answer: Mother Nature takes her toll on these flags as evidenced by the recent storm damage. We have a crew that goes around daily and services these flags. Their attention was diverted to other higher priority damage caused by the storm. We were able to repair the flags the following day. Rest assured that we would like to be able to fix all storm damage immediately, sometimes that's just not possible. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Lorenzo Luechtefeld at 556-1450.



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A Moment in Time



- Sept. 9, 1967 - Sergeant Duane D. Hackney became the first living enlisted man to receive the Air Force Cross.
- Sept. 13, 1943 - More than 1,200 paratroopers dropped on Salerno, Italy, without loss of man or plane.
- Sept. 14, 1951 - Captain John Walmsley Jr., loses his life illuminating an enemy supply train while piloting a searchlight-equipped B-26. He received the Medal of Honor.

Command announces ORI date

By Staff Sgt. Sue Mrowiec

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

In less than 30 days, inspectors from Air Force Space Command will put Team 21's mission readiness to the test. This year's Operational Readiness Inspection is slated for Oct. 1 through 22.

The ORI date was announced Sept. 1, as wing personnel wrapped up their Expeditionary Readiness Inspection. During the expeditionary evaluation, unit members "deployed" to the field to perform their missions in a simulated wartime theater environment. While camped at Pete East, Airmen practiced their Ability to Survive and Operate during chemical, biological and conventional attack scenarios.

Unlike last week's ERI, the ORI will measure the wing's ability to conduct its "Fight-in-Place," or normal day-to-day mission. Results of both inspections will be released during a joint outbrief later this year.

Expeditionary Readiness Inspections and ORIs are normally conducted every two years and Compliance Inspections, which assess specific mission areas, are conducted every four years.

"Inspections are conducted to provide the secretary of the Air Force, Air Force chief of staff and major command commanders with status reports on

the efficiency, effectiveness and combat readiness of units," said Col. Gary W. Shugart, the 21st Space Wing inspector general.

Colonel Shugart said the key to readiness is for personnel to do their jobs the right way every day.

"If you always do your job correctly and keep your programs in compliance, you are always ready for an inspection," he said. "The 21st Space Wing's Self-Inspection Program is the foundation to maintaining our readiness."

"Keep in mind that you're the expert in your area," said Lt. Col. L.J. Van Belkum, the 21st Space Wing deputy inspector general. "You know your job and have been trained in all aspects of your mission. All you have to do is show how much you know."

As inspection time approaches, the wing will take a series of preparatory actions including work center and transportation requirements and updating documentation, Colonel Van Belkum said.

In addition to overall readiness response, the AFSPC IG team will assess several special interest items during this year's ORI. Items under review include Sexual Assault Deterrence Response, Operations Security, the fitness program, Centrally Billed Account procedural compliance and alternate fueled vehicle acquisitions and fuel usage. Feedback

on these areas will be provided to senior leadership at the Air Force level.

Beyond these special interest topics, evaluators will be focusing on major graded areas and overall wing performance using a five-tier rating system. Inspectors will assign Outstanding, Excellent, Satisfactory, Marginal or Unsatisfactory ratings. Major graded areas are Initial Response, Employment, Mission Support and Ability to Survive and Operate.

Next month, personnel can expect to be evaluated as they respond to real-world and simulated scenarios. But Colonel Shugart said the men and women of Team 21 have no reason to fear. "You never need to worry about being inspected when you're 'excellent in all you do,'" he said.

Colonel Van Belkum said it's important for Team 21 to demonstrate a positive attitude, sharp appearance and apply Operational Risk Management principles to the task at hand before, during and after the inspection.

"Solid professionalism will show the inspectors just how outstanding the 21st Space Wing is," she said. "We can 'wow' the inspectors by demonstrating the core values we live by each and every day — Integrity, Service, Excellence." 

Program honors space, missile pioneers

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

Air Force Space Command welcomed six pioneers into the Air Force Space and Missile Program Hall of Fame Sept. 1 at the Officers' Club here.

The program recognizes individuals who played a significant role in the early history of Air Force space and missile programs. This year's program was a feature event in Air Force Space Command's yearlong celebration of "50 Years of Space and Missiles."

This celebration marks a number of key events in Air Force space and missile history that occurred in 1954, including the establishment of the Western Development Division, led by General Bernard Schriever.

"In keeping with our celebration of the 50 years of Air Force Space and Missiles, we've expanded our activities for the space and missile program," said Skip Bradley, AFSPC historian.

Specifically, this year's program includes two additional events — a panel

of retired senior AFSPC officers speaking on "Operationalizing Space" and a tribute to a retired enlisted member for his contributions to the development of the Air Force's ICBM program.

This year's Hall of Fame induction ceremony will pay tribute to the largest number of new pioneers since the program began. The new pioneers are Retired Lt. Gen. Kenneth W. Schultz, retired Col. Edward E. Blum, Rita C. Sagalyn, Mr. Wen Tsing Chow, William O. Troetschel and Rodney C. Pratt. Lieutenant General Dan P. Leaf, AFSPC vice commander, will present an award to each of them.

Another milestone for this year is the induction of the first female pioneer, Mrs. Sagalyn, and the first Asian-born pioneer, Wen Tsing Chow.

The recipients' contributions span a variety of fields, but all were instrumental in paving the way for current and future endeavors in the space and missile arena.



"We're recognizing the depth and breadth of these pioneer's contributions to the Air Force's space and missile programs," said Dr. Rick Sturdevant, AFSPC deputy command historian.

General Schultz managed the contract with Advancing National Strategies and Enabling Results Corporation to develop the initial Air Force Space Plan. He initiated acquisition of significantly improved re-entry systems for the Minuteman, Polaris and Poseidon weapon systems, and he revitalized important measurement programs in support of ballistic missile programs. He also spearheaded the Minuteman III ICBM, the nation's first missile capable of carrying multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles.

A pioneer in the development of rocket propulsion systems, Colonel Blum, is responsible for the engineering and development of the Agena upper stage, the first successful spacecraft

designed to serve a wide variety of on-orbit programs, beginning with the world's first reconnaissance satellite. He established the production line that turned out more than 260 Agena's for use by Discoverer/Corona and National Reconnaissance Office programs, NASA's Lunar Orbiter and Mariner interplanetary probes, and other space projects.

Over the course of 50 years, Mrs. Sagalyn played a key role in establishing and executing a space science and technology program at the Air Force Research Laboratory. She designed an ion-attitude sensor for measuring spacecraft pitch and yaw that was tested successfully aboard several Gemini missions in the mid-1960s. She initiated and led many programs, including the Chemical Release, Radiation Effects Satellite launched in 1990, Spacecraft Charging at High Altitude, Space Weather Prediction, Plasma and Particle Instruments on Defense Meteorological Satellite Program satellites, a Compact Environmental Anomaly Sensor for

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Space leader shares insights with cadets

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

The Air Force executive agent for space brought messages of the past, present and future during a visit to the nearby U.S. Air Force Academy Aug. 27.

"Space assets are more important to national security than anytime in the past," said Undersecretary of the Air Force Peter B. Teets during a presentation to the cadets. "We are actively integrating space capability with warfighting opera-

tions. This only increases the importance of space activity."

The importance of space is also increasing at the academy. This school year, the academy will graduate its first space operations majors. The curriculum for cadets with this major can include space-mission design, astrothermodynamics and astrodynamics.

"In the design class, we designed and built a mini satellite ... to give us the tools to operate and control an actual satellite," said Cadet 1st Class Brandon Jones.

Mister Teets, who is also

director of the National Reconnaissance Office, called some of this year's creations "great learning tools."

His visit gave the cadets a chance to showcase their efforts with space and to learn a little more about one of their senior leaders.

"It's a rare opportunity to be able to present questions directly to an undersecretary of the Air Force," said Maj. Gen. Kathy Thomas, mobilization assistant to the superintendent. Cadet 2nd Class Bernadette Tavelli said the opportunity was impressive.

"I knew Mr. Teets was a brilliant space mind, but after his trip to the academy I have a far better understanding of who he is and some of the things he envisions for our future," said Cadet Tavelli, who is majoring in astroengineering. "It's important for subordinates to know what their leaders are talking about but also to see they will take time for others."

Mister Teets said his priority is to develop, nurture and attract top talent into the national security space arena.

"That's why I'm talking to you today," he told the cadets.

"You all represent the future of our Air Force, where we're going. We need some of your talents to be directed into this national security space arena."

He stressed the importance of space in tomorrow's Air Force.

"I know many of you want to be pilots, and that's great. I understand we have the greatest Air Force on the planet, and we want to maintain that. I also say in the Air Force there's a great future in space," he said. (Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service) 



MEDICAL GROUP MAKES ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Peterson Clinic will close from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 23 and Oct. 28.

Members of the Health Consumers Advisory Council remind everyone of the 21st Space Wing policy that children, 8 years old or less, may not be left unsupervised on base at any time. This also applies to visits to the 21st Medical Group. The Medical Group has no capabilities to supervise children. Parents must plan appropriately or reschedule visits if they are unable to supervise their children.

INSTITUTE HOSTS VOLUNTEER WEEKEND

The Rocky Mountain Field Institute is hosting the 12th Annual Volunteer Weekend at Shelf Road in celebration of National Public Lands Day and as part of the Access Fund's Adopt-A-Crag program. For more information or to register, call 471-7736.

PLANNERS NEED HELP FOR NCO WORKSHOP

Volunteers are needed to organize the 21st Space Wing Noncommissioned Officer Workshop planned for Sept. 16 through 17. For more information or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Leticia Johnson at 556-1341 or e-mail leticia.johnson@peterson.af.mil.

HONOR GUARD SEEKS APPLICANTS

The Peterson Honor Guard has an opening and is looking for a new member. The applicant must be a technical or master sergeant. To apply, members must submit a resume or biography, a copy of their past five enlisted performance reports and an 8-inch by 10-inch official photograph. For more information, call 556-8029.

AIR WAR COLLEGE CHANGES FORMAT

There has been a change in format this year for Air War College. There is no formal seminar as in the past. If those who have signed up for an AWC seminar would like to meet to form study groups, the Education Center has made Room 102 available at 3 p.m. Mondays. The study material will be sent directly to the students' home address.

ASSOCIATION OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will accept applications from enlisted corps in the Colorado military community to assist with college education costs. Enlisted members do not have to be a member of AFCEA to apply. Applicants

must be enlisted military members in the Rocky Mountain Chapter area, which includes Buckley AFB, Peterson AFB, U.S. Air Force Academy, Fort Carson and Schriever AFB. They must also have education expenses greater than the total of tuition assistance, G.I. Bill benefits and all other grants or scholarships received for their classes taken. There are degree specifications and other requirements. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Mark A. Everson at 554-8570.

UNIVERSITY OFFERS PROGRAM ON HOMELAND SECURITY

The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, through the Network Information and Space Security Center, has developed a set of graduate courses leading to a Certificate in Homeland Security. The courses were developed in consultation with officials as U.S. Northern Command. After completion of the four courses, students will receive a Graduate Certificate from UCCS. For more information, e-mail Warren Lotzbire at wlotzbir@uccs.edu.

PIKES PEAK COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS ACCELERATED COURSES

The Pikes Peak Community College Military Programs Weekend classes have taken on a new format. The classes are now required to meet for the full 45 contact hours in the classroom. They will meet Fridays and Saturdays, for four consecutive weekends with the exception of weekends containing holidays. For more information, call Ron Shields in the Base Education Center at 574-1169.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER OFFERS CLASSES

The following classes are held in the Family Support Center classroom here at 135 Dover Street, Bldg. 350, Room 1016, unless otherwise specified. Registration is required for all classes. To register, please call the Family Support Center at 556-6141 or stop by the FSC.

■ **CAREER MARKETING** – From 8 a.m. to noon today, a workshop on conducting an effective job search, writing a competitive resume and interviewing effectively for a job. This workshop is offered once a month.

■ **ESTATE PLANNING** – From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today, learn how to estimate estate value and plan for future business, personal and health-care needs. This seminar provides an estate planning sampler, as well as information on disability planning, powers of attorney, living will, long-term care and death taxes. The presenter is attorney Skip Morgan. This seminar is offered

every other month.

■ **READINESS BRIEFING** – From 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday. This is a mandatory briefing for those who are being deployed or going on a remote tour. This briefing educates members on the three phases involved with separation and the programs available for families left behind. Spouses are welcome. This briefing is offered once a week.

■ **PRE-SEPARATION BRIEFING** – From 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, this is a mandatory briefing for people who are retiring or separating from the military. Anyone retiring or separating must have this briefing no later than 90 days before separation or retirement. This briefing, offered every other week, covers veterans' benefits and the services of the Transition Assistance Program.

LOCAL SCOUTS MEET ON PETERSON

Girl Scout Troop 422 meets at 6 p.m., Mondays at the Peterson Chapel. This troop is for girls ages 11 to 17 years old. There are units developing for younger girls. They will also meet on Mondays. For more information, call Laura Pitcher at 392-1102.

Cub Scout Pack 99 meets at 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at the Peterson Chapel, starting tonight. Cub Scout Packs are for boys ages 7 through 10. For more information, the Cub master, Wendy Jendrick, at 637-0397. Cub Scout Pack 99 is sponsored by the Peterson Fire Department.

Boy Scout Troop 199 meets at 7 p.m., Wednesdays at the Enlisted Club. Boy Scout Troops are open to boys ages 11 to 17 years old. No prior scouting experience is needed. For more information, call Alex Welton, Scout Master, at 574-8970. Boy Scout Troop 199 is sponsored by the Colorado Springs Area Chiefs Group.

NEW CHAPEL SERVICE

The Peterson Chapel is offering a new contemporary service. Interested members may attend the services in casual attire at 5 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call the chapel at 556-4442.

PETERSON AFB CHAPEL MUSICIAN POSITION OPEN

Chapel members are searching for applicants to bid on a musician position for the Protestant Inspirational Service Accompanist. The position requires knowledge of a variety of Contemporary and Gospel Christian music and the ability to work with other instrumentalists and vocalists. Specific statements of work are available at the Base Chapel. Bids will be accepted until Friday 4:30 p.m. For more information, call the chapel at 556-4442.

Chapel Schedule



Protestant Worship Services:

Traditional Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School 9:35 a.m. Sunday
Inspirational Service, 12:30 p.m. Sunday
Contemporary Service, 5 p.m. Sunday

Catholic

Weekday Mass, 11:35 a.m. (except Monday)
Saturdays, 5 p.m.
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Reconciliation Saturdays, 4 p.m.

*For more information -
Call the chapel at
556-4442 for
available chapel programs.

Space command's leading general earns Hartinger Award

General Lance W. Lord, commander, Air Force Space Command, was presented the James V. Hartinger Award during the National Defense Industrial Association's "Salute to Space" Friday.

"This is such a special moment for me and my family," said General Lord. "I'm proud and honored to accept this prestigious award named after such a great American and leader, the first commander of Space Command, General James V. Hartinger."

Each year the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association sponsors the annual Salute to Space. The Salute honors the achievements of Air Force Space Command and its component

military commands. The Rocky Mountain Chapter of NDIA presents this award honoring a senior space leader for his/her significant achievements and contributions to space.

General Lord earned this award through his vision and leadership in ensuring America's fighting forces use the full range of space capabilities in the global war against terrorism. His operational expertise and insight served as the cornerstone for Air Force Space Command's unprecedented support to Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

General Lord's expertise and guidance were instrumental in the creation of a first-ever Space professional Strategy that improved the overall

effectiveness of the Military Space Cadre and Mission Support team through education, experience and training initiatives.

"The Future of Air Force Space Command is bright and we have General Hartinger and other great space pioneers to thank. Air Force Space Command has grown into the very organization General Hartinger envisioned in 1982," said Gen. Lord.

"If you're not in space, you're not in the race," he said.

Past recipients of the award include Edward C. Aldridge, Jr. Gen. Merrill A. McPeak, Maj. Gen. Roger G. DeKok, Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart and Peter B. Teets.

(Courtesy of Air Force Space Command Public Affairs)



Photo by Duncan Wood

General Lance W. Lord salutes those at the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association's Salute to Space. The general received the James V. Hartinger Award at the event.

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operational satellites and active charge control satellite-mounted system.

During the 1950s, Mr. Chow managed the design, development and production in quantity of the digital computer and all-inertial guidance system for the Atlas ICBM. He formulated the design of the first all-solid-state, high-reliability, space-borne digital computer and established the basic systems approach to development and mechanization of guidance systems for ICBMs, space boosters and manned spacecraft from Atlas, Titan, Saturn and Skylab, through Minuteman and the Space Shuttle.

A member of the Air Force's earliest satellite team, Mr. Troetschel, contributed to the establish-

ment of an on-orbit operational control node at Sunnyvale, Calif., for the relevant program offices in Los Angeles. The field office soon grew to become the Air Force Satellite Control Facility, with operational responsibility for all Air Force space missions.

Mr. Pratt was involved with design and development of the first Satellite Communication ground terminals for experimentation with the Echo 1 passive satellite. He conducted on-the-air, scientific experiments using the Initial Defense Satellite Communications Program series, Lincoln Experimental Satellites 5 and 6, the Tactical Communications Satellites, the Defense Satellite Communications System II series and the Air Force Satellite Communications system. He also accepted responsibility for the development of airborne termi-

nal technology for future Military Satellite Communication systems.

The Air Force Space Pioneers Award was first given under the sponsorship of the National Space Club in Washington, D.C., which in 1989 honored ten key military and civilian leaders in the Air Force space program.

In 1997, the program was revitalized and established as an official Air Force award under AFSPC.

To date, 30 pioneers have been inducted, with another six to be honored this year.

Learn more about Space and Missile Pioneers Program at www.peterson.af.mil/hqafspc/50th/Pioneers.asp.

(Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)



Satellites, missiles reach new heights – 1984, 1985

1984

■ April 6 through 13 – A crew in the space shuttle Challenger conducted the national space program’s first satellite-repair mission. Their mission included retrieving an orbiting vehicle, fixing it and releasing it.

July – The first harpoon missile was delivered to the 69th Bombardment Squadron, 42nd Bombardment Wing, Loring Air Force Base, Maine. The missiles could launch from B-52s to destroy enemy ships.

Oct. 5 through 13 – During a space-shuttle mission, the Challenger crew refueled a satellite in orbit for the first time.

1985

■ Jan. 24 – Colonel Loren J. Shriver led the four-man

crew of the Discovery on the first all-military space-shuttle mission.

■ Aug. 23 – Air Force Systems Command successfully conducts its first “cold launch” from an underground silo, a modified Minuteman launch facility at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. The cold-launch technique ejects the missile from the silo by gas pressure, and the propellant ignites after it becomes airborne. This technique causes less damage to the silo and reduces the time needed for another launch.

■ Sept. 13 – The first antisatellite intercept test took place when a weapon launched from an F-15 successfully destroyed a satellite orbiting at a speed of 17,500 mph, approximately 290 miles above Earth.



Seven Airmen graduate FTAC

Congratulations to the following Airmen on graduating the First Term Airmen’s Center Aug. 27.

Airman Basic Rachael J. Soto, 21st Aeromedical Dental Squadron; Airmen 1st Class Anthony C. Hornsby-Edgington, 21st Security Forces Squadron; Monolito P. Malapit, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron; Michael R. McKinney, 21st Space Communications Squadron; Jason Patty, 21st CES; Angela K. R. Pereira, 21st Space Wing; and Sheron S. Wright, 21st SCS.



Building dedication honors resolve, dedication of former commander

By Senior Airman Mike Meares

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

A cloudy day failed to steal the sunshine from a celebration, Aug. 27, dedicating the 50th Space Wing Headquarters Building to the legacy of a “space visionary,” Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, the first 50th SW commander.

In front of a standing-room only crowd at Schriever Air Force Base, General Lance Lord, Air Force Space Command Commander, Capt. Ryan DeKok, son of General DeKok, and retired Gen. Thomas Moorman, Jr., former Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, spoke of memories that made General DeKok who he was as a man.

“As you can see around you, part of his vision (is) coming right out of the ground,” said General Lord during his speech to the crowd. “We are blessed with a new building and memories of a true space pioneer.”

Friday marked the 14th anniversary of General DeKok assuming command of the 2nd SW, which became the 50th SW under his command. While at the 50th SW, General DeKok oversaw several pioneering satellite programs the 50th SW continues to operate today. His leadership here covered operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, critical periods that proved the value of satellite systems to the warfighter.

Touches of General DeKok’s leadership can still be found on base today.

“Excellence is a journey, not a destination,” says a sign above the North Entry Control Facility that General DeKok put up during his time as commander.

Captain DeKok spoke about a father, not a commander or a general. He spoke of his dad helping him with his writing assignments while at the U.S. Air Force Academy. He said he always wondered where the original article he sent his father was when his dad gave it

back to him.

He remembered a lifetime of love from a father, “He was a father first and an officer second.” He also spoke of his father’s golf game and the fact that he had a “terrible, terrible short game.”

“Dad had many quotes like, ‘If you can read, you can do anything,’” said the captain. “Everyone remembers a colleague, a commander or a subordinate-I remember a father.”

General Moorman stepped to the podium as the last speaker of the afternoon. He had many things to say about the general as a man, but had one main message for the crowd. “There is no better role model for you to emulate,” General Moorman said to the men and women in uniform. “Naming this building in this place, after this man, is perfect.”

(Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)



Command color guard seeks 'a few good members'

By Merrie Schilter Lowe

NORAD and USNORTHCOM public affairs

Though each wears the uniform of a different military service, they are a team in every sense of the word. "They" are the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command Joint Color Guard and they are looking for a few good men and women to join them.

The color guard supports military retirements, memorial services, parades and other official functions, but not funerals as do honor guard units, said Marine Corps Sgt. Gabriel Romero, the joint color guard's commander. The unit also supports civilian events, such as the annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo. The color guard posted the U.S., Canadian and command flags at the start of the event Aug. 13.

"We could use a couple more members," Sergeant Romero said.

There are four veteran members and a new recruit, Air Force Staff Sgt. Vanessa Soto, who made her public debut at the rodeo carrying the USNORTHCOM flag.

Currently, the color guard receives more invitations from civilian groups in the area than it can accept. Ideally, Romero said, the group wants to recruit enough new people to set up a performance roster.

While there are other honor guard units in the area, the NORAD and USNORTHCOM color guard is the only one representing the four military branches and the Canadian Forces.

"They are in high demand. People know they are here and want them," said Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. D. Scott Frye, who is sergeant major for the commands



and color guard advisor. Sergeant Frye said the color guard enjoys performing so much, "members were supporting functions at their own expense." He said part of his job is preventing that from happening.

"I'm here to ensure they don't pay for transportation, food, or uniform items when they perform," Sergeant Frye said.

But even if the unit did continue paying its own way, members said they would gladly do so.

"We like what we're doing," said Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Bernard Whitney, the color guard's NCO in charge. "We do this because we want to honor the flag, but we also like the camaraderie in the group." Air Force Senior Airman Mike Kakarian said he also likes "the feeling I get at the end of a ceremony, when audiences clap and tell us how much they appreciate us."

"And once," Petty Officer Whitney said, "we got to meet the (Denver) Broncos' cheerleaders after performing at the Air Force Academy. And then there's the free food," he said, ticking off an imaginary list of perks color guard members receive.

Though the unit is young – it did not exist before the command stood up two years ago – members have about 10 years of cumulative experience, which may be another reason they work together so well.

"Military customs and courtesies are pretty much the same in all of the services so it wasn't hard learning to drill together," Sergeant Romero said.

Before the assignment to Peterson AFB, Romero spent two years in the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion color guard at Norfolk, Va. As the group's

commander, Sergeant Romero gives commands during drills and ceremonies and stands in fourth formation carrying an M-16 rifle.

Army Spc. Michael Hall, who is 6 feet, 2 inches without his Army boots, joined his first color guard unit while assigned to Kaiserslautern, Germany, which also is where he spent his first duty assignment. Specialist Hall said that because of his height, he usually is in the center of formation carrying the U.S. or Army flag.

Petty Officer Whitney is a veteran of command's color guard as he has been with the group since its inception. Previously, Petty Officer Whitney was a member of the U.S. Space Command honor guard. He said he gained his color guard experience while assigned as a yeoman to the USS Kentucky four years ago. The yeoman, who also carries an M-16 rifle, stands first in line when the formation posts the colors.

Unlike the others, Airman Kakarian had no previous color guard experience. But, he said, "I had been in my high school's band so I was used to marching in large formations." Airman Kakarian, who stands second in formation carrying the state flag, was at the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center until his reassignment to Peterson AFB.

Sergeant Soto, the new recruit, is not sure yet which position she will occupy on a regular basis. She is, however, elated to again be part of a color guard unit.

"I get a sense of honor and pride when we perform," said the Pueblo, Colo., native.

Sergeant Soto also had been assigned to U.S. Space Command before the move to USNORTHCOM a year ago. She said she gained honor guard experience at Kirkland AFB, N.M., which was her first duty station.

Anyone interested in joining the command's color guard should contact Sergeant Romero at 554-5931 or Petty Officer Whitney at 552-2075.



Terminal improvements answer needs of Colorado Springs Airport users

By Erica Hupp

Colorado Springs Airport

For many visitors, Colorado Springs Airport provides the first impression of Colorado Springs. After 10 years of continuous service and more than 14 million passengers through its doors, the airport is in need of some basic upgrades to enhance the experience of airport users.

Currently, the airport has \$15 million of improvements scheduled for the terminal building and the rental car and public parking facilities. In addition, the airport has awarded new retail and food and beverage concession contracts that will provide more than \$4 million in upgrades to concession areas.

With passengers spending more time at the airport due to additional security requirements put in place after Sept. 11, 2001, these changes will not only improve the efficiency of airline, concession, security screening, rental car and parking operations, they will also enhance passenger convenience and comfort.

■ Terminal Building

The current airport terminal was built in 1994, well before the additional security mandates that followed Sept. 11. These security measures have

made it necessary for the airport to make a number of changes to the building, including expanding the central core of the terminal and the security checkpoint.

This project will help expand concession services, reduce congestion and improve traffic flow through the building.

The airport's central core will be widened 6,200 square feet by pushing back the news and gift shops and restaurants to create a rotunda and new waiting areas with additional seating for meeters and greeters.

The security checkpoint, the narrowest part of the terminal, will be expanded 3,500 square feet. This will double the size of the checkpoint to allow for better queuing and secondary screening areas. On the concourse, 4,000 square feet will be added for a food court.

This project also consists of relocating the Transportation Security Administration's checked-baggage screening stations from the airport lobby. Once these machines are moved, passengers will be able to leave their bags at the airline ticket counter and proceed directly to the security-screening checkpoint just as it was prior to Sept. 11. It will also make room in the lobby for self-service airline check-in

stations.

■ Retail and Food Concessions

Following the nationwide trend among airports to offer travelers a variety of retail and food options, COS is jumping on the bandwagon to give customers choices that have more "local flavor" and "brand recognition."

Once the retail and food areas are completed, there will be three news and gift stores and eight restaurants. The airport recently signed a seven-year contract with The Paradies Shop to operate the news and gift stores. The Paradies Shop will remodel the pre-security store, convert the current concourse newsstand into a CNBC store and build an additional concourse news and gift store.

The airport is currently in contract negotiation with the concession provider Creative Host. Creative Host will introduce new branded restaurant concepts to the central core and food court areas of the terminal. These central core namebrand concepts include Gordon Biersch, a brew pub; A&W Root Beer; Pikes Perk Coffee, a local coffee concept; and Freshen Smoothies. The food court will feature Quizno's, Pizza Hut, Café Azul and Cantana and Pikes Perk Coffee.

■ Rental Car/Public Parking

Another area that COS is improving is the rental car and public parking lots. These parking areas are being reconfigured and expanded for easier access. Plaza canopy structures, connecting the terminal building to the rental car and parking lots, will protect airport users from the unpredictable Colorado weather. In addition, rental car kiosks will be installed under the new canopy to provide a higher level of customer service in the rental car area.

"The upgrades being made to the Colorado Springs Airport facilities are essential to the airport's growth," said Mark Earle, Aviation Director. "It is important that we continue to meet the demands of the market."

The Terminal Improvement Project will create some disruption for airport users, but will not cause delays in clearing the security checkpoint. All construction has been scheduled around major holiday travel times.

The terminal building expansion and renovation, which cost \$5.9 million, is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2005. The rental car and public parking improvements are to be completed by summer of 2005. This project will cost \$8.2 million.



Personnel Corner

CRISIS SUPPORT TEAM SEEKS MEMBERS

The Peterson Crisis Support Team is recruiting new members who are willing to assist victims and family members in crisis situations by providing community referrals and initiating healthy crisis management.

For more information, call either Susan Golden or Kathy Latzke at the Family Support Center at 556-6141.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER NEEDS SUPERINTENDENT

The Peterson Family Support Center is seeking a master sergeant through chief master sergeant with administrative and computer skills required for the superintendent position in the FSC.

Applicants must have extensive budget management expertise, background in human relations and the ability to communicate with peers and senior leadership. All applicants must submit copies of their last three enlisted performance reports, a military resume and a letter of recommendation from their squadron commander no later than Oct. 15.

For more information, call Kathy Latzke, the FSC Director at 556-7816.

CENTER OFFERS MILITARY SPOUSE VIRTUAL ASSISTANT TRAINING

The Family Support Center is offering virtual assistant training Sept. 20 through 22. The objective of the training is to assist military spouses who are interested in becoming self-employed and offers home-based administrative support services. Classes are in the Family Support Center in Building 350, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 20 and 22, and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 21.

For more information, call the FSC at 556-6141.

CENTER OFFERS TRAINING IN MORE THAN 224 PROGRAMS

Computer Based Training is offered through the Family Support Center from funding provided by Air Force Aid and the Combined Federal Campaign. There are more than 224 software and graphic on-line tutorial programs to learn from – with certifi-

cates provided upon course completion.

For more information, call the FSC at 556-6141.

BLUE TO GREEN BRIEFING AVAIL- ABLE FOR TEAM PETE MEMBERS

There will be a Blue to Green briefing at 10 a.m., Sept. 14 and 21, in the 21st Mission Support Group Large Conference Room in Building 350.

Blue to Green is a program for sailors and airmen to “Go Army” under a new Defense Department program intended to rebalance the size of the military. The program provides opportunities for continued service and career advancement for those willing to transfer into the Army from other services.

NASA ANNOUNCES – NO AIR FORCE ASTRONAUT NOMINATION BOARDS THROUGH 2005

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has notified Air Force Personnel Center Headquarters that they will not have an astronaut selection board in 2005. Additionally, NASA has indicated there will be no boards prior to 2006. NASA will review the need for the next selection board as they return to flight.

For more information, call DSN 665-2306.

APPLICATIONS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM BEING ACCEPTED

Applications for the Physician Assistant Training Program for classes beginning Jan. 6, April 6 and Aug. 6 are being accepted from Oct. 1 through Jan. 28. Applicants must be active duty in grades E-3 through E-8 with a minimum of two years and maximum of 14 years active military service as of Aug. 30.

For more information, call Raymond Whitehurst at DSN 665-2775.

ASSIGNMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE WITH AFROTC

Air Education and Training Command has moved the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps 2005 candidate board from September to November 2004. Additionally, AETC has made five more universities available for colonels and colonel selects to compete for as AFROTC Detachment Commanders in 2005.

The additional 2005 AFROTC requirements are: University of South Florida, University of Saint Thomas, North Dakota State University, Wright State University and Oklahoma State University.

For a list of all schools and more information, call DSN 487-4180.

OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE 'OPEN SEASON' ON GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

The Federal Group Life Insurance program was established in 1954, and is now the largest group life insurance program in the world, with over 4 million Federal employees, retirees, and family members. To celebrate the 50th anniversary, the Office of Personnel Management announced the first open season in five years will be held Sept. 1 through 30, 2004. During the open season, federal employees will be able to enroll in the FEGLI program, increase or change current coverage, without having a physical or answering questions about their health. The newly elected coverage will be effective Sept. 4, 2005. Information materials, including an interactive worksheet to estimate life insurance needs and a calculator to price various combinations of coverage, will be on OPM's special Open Season website at <http://www.fegli2004.opm.gov/>.

Air Force-serviced appropriated fund civilian employees will make open season elections via the web-based Employee Benefits Information System or the BEST automated phone system. Hard copy enrollment forms will not be accepted. If you are not yet familiar with these access systems, review the “How to Access the BEST Automated System” web page.

For additional information on the open season, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil or contact Bonnie Kemp via e-mail Bonnie.Kemp@Peterson.af.mil, or call 556-7073.

NATIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM HOLDS TOWN HALL MEETING

Michael L. Dominguez, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs will hold a town hall meeting about the National Security Personnel System at 3 p.m., Sept. 30 conducted by. This meeting will be in the Peterson Air Force Base auditorium and is open to all interested parties serviced by the Peterson Civilian Personnel Flight and any other Department of Defense personnel stationed at Peterson AFB. The National Security Personnel System is a new civilian personnel system signed into law as part of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act.

The DOD and the Office of Personnel Management are developing details of the program, which will include pay banding, pay-for-performance, and expedited hiring. The National Security Personnel System is also expected to change the DOD labor relations program and establish new appeal and grievance processes.



Conserving energy through insulation, weatherization

By Airman
Mandy Weightman
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

With changing seasons come changing temperatures and a new focus on how to conserve energy.

Insulation is an important thing to focus on, said Andy Vehige, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Energy Conservation Office.

Checking insulating systems is one of the fastest and most cost-efficient ways to reduce energy waste and save money, according to a federal energy conservation website. Adding insulation to attics, exterior walls, basement walls, floors and crawl spaces are some of the ways to improve the energy efficiency of a house.

"Residents in base housing should inspect and adjust what

they can to help conserve energy," said Tim Pugh, 21st CES Energy Conservation Office. "And they should report the things they can't fix to the maintenance office."

One example is to check windows and doors. Ensure that all of the door seals are intact and workable. Also ensure that the window panes aren't broken or cracked.

Another example is to put a hand over all electrical outlets and switches to make sure there isn't any air coming from them. If there is, the area behind the cover needs insulation.

"Industrial base customers should be vigilant and look for any problems with the building they're working in," Mr. Pugh said. "They should report any and all problems to CE customer service."

On-base buildings aren't the

only concern of the Energy Conservation Office here. Off-base residents should take all of the advice given for base-housing residents, as well as others.

"Off-base residents should ensure that there is proper insulation in their attics, spray foam insulation should be used for cracks into the house, water pipes should be insulated as well," Mr. Pugh said. "Check garage doors to ensure proper operation and sealing, get a furnace check, change filters, inspect ducts and insulate the supply ducts."

With the appropriate measures taken before the cold weather season hits, energy conservation could equal extra money in the wallet.

For more information and energy-saving tips, visit www.eere.energy.gov.

Heritage Hall recognizes retired NCO

For the first time, Air Force Space Command and the Enlisted Heritage Hall at Maxwell Air Force Base Gunter Annex in Montgomery, Ala., recognized the contributions of an enlisted person who devoted his entire working life, both in uniform and as a civilian, to the readiness of the ICBM force, in a ceremony Aug. 31.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Michael Kenderes, who currently resides in Santa Maria, Calif., was recognized at a luncheon for his career contributions, which spanned the early days of the Titan I ICBM system through the Minuteman ICBM to the Peacekeeper.

During this time, Chief Kenderes led, trained, and positively influenced hundreds of Airmen and NCOs, gave valuable guidance to scores of officers, identified dozens of technical improvements to the weapon systems, and spent countless hours in the field himself, maintaining the strategic alert posture of missile forces.

Following his retirement from active duty in 1985, after 25 years of service in missiles, Chief Kenderes spent 13 more years working as an Aerospace Field Engineer for GTE Corporation, supporting the Air Force in the deployment of the Peacekeeper system and in the implementation of the Rapid Execution and Combat Targeting modification for the Airborne Launch Control System and ground operations.

His career accomplishments will be featured in the Cold War exhibit at the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Hall.

The U.S. Air Force's Enlisted Heritage Hall offers visitors a unique glimpse at the role enlisted men and women have played in the rich history of military aviation. The mission of the Enlisted Heritage Hall is to preserve the rich and dramatic heritage and tradition of the enlisted corps of the U.S. Air Force and its predecessors in the development of air power to defend the United States.

Program allows civilian to attend academy

As part of Total Force Development, a pilot program will select civilian employees to attend command NCO Academies. Both Peterson Air Force Base and Schriever AFB are involved with this test program, which will allow civilians to attend the school from Sept. 20 through Oct. 28.

The goal is to provide an opportunity for civilians to gain an understanding of the military profession and to develop potential to assume leadership and management positions within the Air Force. The NCOA is a six-week professional school that consists of three academic areas – profession

of arms, communication skills and leadership. Civilians will be held to the same standards as military students with the exception of physical fitness.

For more information, call Randy Brennan at 556-7524.

(Information Courtesy of the Education Center)

Military members eligible for in-state tuition

Active duty military members and their family members may be eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at certain public colleges and universities. In-state tuition rates are less expensive than out-of-state rates, and can be taken advantage of with waivers available at the Base Education Office.

Colorado public colleges and universities do allow military members and their families to use these waivers, under certain guidelines.

People eligible for this waiver must prove their entitlement every term they register by providing the school with an approved in-state tuition waiver, which is initiated by the eligible person at the Education Office.

A change in the original law allows dependents

of active-duty members who have changed permanent duty stations to continue to receive the in-state waiver as long as there isn't a break in school attendance of more than one year. Dependents may also qualify if their sponsor changed permanent duty stations, the dependent is a senior in high school and has not enrolled in a college or university outside of Colorado within one year after graduating from high school.

For more information, or to pick up a waiver request, visit the Education Office or visit <http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantesWeb/library/docs/distribution/2418.pdf>.

(Information courtesy of the Peterson Education Center)

Blotter

The following real-life events with real individuals from around Peterson are to inform you of crimes, accidents and events occurring on base. These entries are from hundreds recorded in the Peterson Police Blotter:

***Editor's note: Although the Space Observer staff may make light of blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional security forces treat each incident seriously.*

BAUBLE BLUNDER – Aug. 27

Security forces responded to a shoplifting incident at the Base Exchange. A shady lady apparently swiped a pair of earrings. The thief received a summons for shoplifting from the Colorado Springs Police Department for her crime of fashion.

LAUNDRY LARCENY – Aug. 27

Security forces responded to a report of theft at Dormitory 1270. The caller stated some of her clothing was stolen from a third floor laundry room. She put her clothes, including a flight suit, into a dryer early in the morning. When she returned one-and-a-half hours later to fold the clothes, they were gone. The victim said this was not the first time this has happened.

PASSION FOR FASHION – Aug. 28

Security forces responded to the BX, where store detectives were detaining a shoplifter. The troublesome teen nabbed some costume jewelry before being snagged by store detectives. The thief didn't leave the store with any merchandise, but she did walk away with a shoplifting summons from CSPD.

UNSECURE BUILDING – Aug. 28

Security forces responded to a report of an unsecure building, which was discovered to be a valid report. Patrollers noticed a back door to the facility was open. Responders conducted an interior search of the building and discovered all was in order.

BAG AND BOOK – Aug. 29

Security forces responded to a shoplifting incident at the BX. Apparently a suspect stole a set of headphones and took off running on foot. A description of the running man was relayed to patrollers. A pile of clothing, matching the description of those the suspect was wearing, was found by the loading dock behind the Commissary. Responders nabbed the runner as he tried to exit the installation near the West Gate. Security forces discovered the headphones in question inside the clothes chameleon's backpack. The CSPD responded and issued a summons for shoplifting.

MEDICAL RESPONSE – Aug. 31

Security forces, the Fire Department and American Medical Response services responded to the fields on Pete East, where a military member was suffering from dehydration. The victim was transported to Fort Carson Evans Army Hospital for further treatment.

IMBIBING DRIVER BUSTED – Aug. 31

Security forces patrollers responded to a possible driving under the influence case at the West Gate. Entry controllers detained the sloshed suspect after noticing his glossy look and slurred speech. Responders performed field sobriety tests on the delirious driver. The test results proved the imbibing driver was indeed driving under the influence. Security forces issued a traffic ticket for driving under the influence.

** If you have any information on a crime or any of these blotter entries, report it to security forces at 556-4000.*



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Team Pete's noteworthy events

Sept. 13

- Football Frenzy at the Enlisted Club will kick off the football season. The Enlisted Club will be open for Monday Night Football throughout the season. This will also be the start of the club's membership drive.

Sept. 14

- POW/MIA day— The 21st Space Wing will host a POW/MIA ceremony at 4 p.m. at the Peterson Air Museum.



Sept. 18

- Air Force Birthday



Sept. 22

- Autumn begins

Sept. 23

- Wing Fit to Fight, 7 a.m., on track behind Fitness and Sports Center

Sept. 25

- Base-wide historic aviation day with various activities, static displays of vintage aircraft and vendors selling food and souvenirs.
- "Sunset in the Park" – celebrate the 50th anniversary of the space and missiles at Airpark Museum

Team Pete's noteworthy events

This Week

Today

- Play Group, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Youth Center.
- Family Swim Night, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center.*

Friday

- Social Hour, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club.*

Saturday

- Thunder Alley, 8:30 p.m. at the Bowling Center.*
- Take a framing class from 8 a.m. to noon from the community activities center. For more information, call 556-1733.

Sunday

- Use the Automotive Skills Center.*

Monday

- Water aerobics class, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center.*

Tuesday

- Family Swim Night, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center.*
- Two-for-one dinner specials at the Officers Club from 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday

- Eat the weekly ethnic meal at the Aragon Dining Facility.*
- Back to Basics Circuit Course can assist with staying Fit to Fight at 11 a.m. For more information, call 556-4462.

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy 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 556-6141
- Red Cross 556-9201
- Outdoor Recreation 556-4487
- Golf Course 556-7810

at your SERVICE

Youth Center offers fun for kids

The R. P. Lee Youth Center offers more than before and after school care for the children of Team Pete – they offer fun.

- There will be a Pre-teen lock-in from 9 p.m., Sept. 17 to 7:30 a.m., Sept. 18 for kids ages 9 through 12.

- Sign-ups for indoor soccer, Ken po Karate and piano lessons are currently open. The Karate and piano

lessons are monthly classes.

- There are slots still available in the school age, or before and after school care programs for children ages 6 through 12.

- October 2, the center will be holding a "Lets just play day" in conjunction with Nickelodeon. The event begins at 3 p.m.

- October 14, the center will

host "AfterSchool," a celebration of after-school programs, from 5 – 7 p.m. It will be an open-house event to celebrate and inform the public about after-school programs.

For more information, call the R. P. Lee Youth Center at 556-7220, or Tina Madsen at 556-5236.

(Information courtesy of the R. P. Lee Youth Center)

Sunset in the Park

celebrates 50 years of Space and Missiles

The Peterson Air Museum will celebrate with a performance by the U.S. Air Force Academy Band and free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and bottled water. Don't forget your lawn chairs and blankets for the celebration, Sept. 25 from 4:30 - 7 p.m.

ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Mr. Z's Baked Chicken Pepper Steak Pasta Primavera Mashed Potatoes Steamed Rice Mixed Vegetables Fried Okra Green Beans</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Orange-spiced Chops Liver with Onions Tempura Fried Fish Rissole Potatoes Steamed Rice Broccoli Peas and Carrots Wax Beans</p>	<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Simmered Corn Beef Pineapple Chicken Yankee Pot Roast Crispy Potato Wedges Simmered Potatoes Fried Cabbage Carrots Black Eye Peas</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Seafood Newburg Beef and Corn Pie Roast Turkey Potatoes Pea and Pepper Rice Corn on the Cob Stewed Tomatoes Mustard Greens</p>	<p>Brunch:</p> <p>Baked Fish Hungarian Goulash Barbecue Chicken Parsley Buttered Potatoes Steamed Rice Vegetable Stir Fry Boston Baked Beans Cream Corn</p>	<p>Brunch:</p> <p>Stir Fry Beef with Broccoli Turkey Nuggets Loin Strip Steak Mushroom and Onion Sauce Baked Potatoes Rice Pilaf Corn on the Cob Green Beans</p>
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Chili Mac Beef Cannelloni Southern fried Chicken Cottage Fried Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Steamed Squash Glazed Carrots Peas</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Pot Roast Baked Stuff Fish Roast Loin of Pork Oven Browned Potatoes Steamed Rice Cauliflower Combination Succotash Green beans with Mushrooms</p>	<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Country Captain Chicken Meat Loaf Turkey a La King Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes Harvard Beets Mustard Greens Okra with Tomato Gumbo</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Veal Parmesan Teriyaki Chicken Salmon Cakes Filipino Rice Parsley Buttered Potatoes Fried Cabbage Succotash Mixed Vegetables</p>	<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Jambalaya Cajun Baked Fish Cajun Meatloaf Steamed Rice Red Beans and Rice Creole Green Beans Okra and Tomato Gumbo Louisiana Style Squash</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Barbecue Ham Steak Turkey and Noodles Beef Ball Stroganoff Boiled Egg Noodles Mashed Potatoes Calico Corn Spinach Lima Beans</p>	



Tailgaters kick off Falcon football season



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Ridder



Photo by Roberta McDonald

ABOVE: First Lt. Mike Sutherland serves a hot dog to one of the many fans who showed up for the tailgate party Saturday to celebrate the start of the U.S. Air Force Academy Falcon's football season. The fans enjoyed a variety of food and fun during the event before the game.

LEFT: The Falcon mascot plays with one of the younger Academy fans as he gives a thumbs-up for the team during the tailgate party.

Women's softball

Air Force prepares to defend title

By **Walt Johnson**

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Editor's note: See a complete listing of the games that will be played in the upcoming (Sept. 15 through 17) interservice softball competition on Page 18.

The most important numbers for the all-Air Force women's softball team will be three and 13 when the interservice competition begins Wednesday at the base softball complex.

If the Air Force team can defend their title it will be the third consecutive year they have been named the best team in the women's interservice competition. It would also keep them on pace to challenge the unprecedented 13 in a row run-up by the Army in the late '80s and '90s as well as 2000 and 2001.

Head coach William Hardy, who played for the Air Force men's team in the '90s, begins his third year as the Air Force coach. He said he has only known one result: winning the interservice championship. This year could be the toughest challenge Hardy said he has faced in pursuit of the title.

"We only have seven players returning from last year's gold medal winning team and eight new players," Hardy said. "We had an interesting camp where we picked the best 15 players and now we will see what happens."

Hardy knows it will be a task to blend the new players with the old. This team's strength, their offense, will be the opposite of Hardy's previous teams. But he said that doesn't seem to cause him any concern at this point.

"Anyone who knows me will tell you I believe in having a good defensive team. We've got a lot of work to do on defense," Hardy said. "We have players who are accustomed to playing in the defensive positions they are in but they aren't used to playing at this level. In intramural play you may have one or two players who are good offensive players but here everyone is good offensively."

"We're going to be a better offensive team than we were the last two years. We have players who hit the ball extremely well," Hardy said.

It remains to be seen if a better offense will be good for the Air Force team since the key to victory last year was the team's ability to play sound defense to beat their rivals, the Army, for the title, 4-3.

One of the ingredients that could be a factor when blending new players with veteran players is cohesion and uniformity of commitment. Hardy said one of the best things about his team so far has been the way the ladies have come together in such a short time to be a cohesive unit.

"This is my third year and I believe this is the best I've seen the team camaraderie," Hardy said.

So will this be the third consecutive year the Air Force brings the gold trophy home? Maybe or maybe not according to Hardy who said he is taking nothing for granted.

"Every year the Army has proven to be our best competition but the Navy and the Marines are coming. Right now I think the tournament is wide open. It's going to be hard work this year," Hardy said.



Photo by Walt Johnson

All-Air Force pitcher Lorie Doughty tosses a pitch during a scrimmage game Saturday at the base softball complex.



Base Fitness and Sports Center offers classes

The base fitness center has a number of spinning classes designed to help people get into different levels of conditioning. The classes include an Endurance, strength, or interval ride.

The fitness center also offers a number of classes to help people obtain a certification or skill, such as a free climbing wall certification class held every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Interested people can sign up at the start of the class.

For more information, contact the fitness center at 556-4462.

Tae Kwon Do classes are offered at the fitness center Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. for 7 to 12 year olds and 7 to 8 p.m. for people 13 and older. The class costs \$40 per month for the first family member

and \$30 per month for additional family members. For more information call 556-1515.

Women's softball interservice games are scheduled to begin Sept. 15 at the base softball complex. The game schedule is as follows:

Sept. 15 – Air Force vs. the Marines, Army vs. Navy at 9 a.m.; Navy vs. AF, Marines vs. Army at 2 p.m.; Navy vs. Marines, Army vs. AF at 7 p.m.

Sept. 16 – Army vs. Navy, AF vs. Marines at 9 a.m.; Army vs. Marines, AF vs. Navy at 1 p.m.; Navy vs. Marines, Army vs. AF at 6 p.m.

Sept. 17 – Air Force vs. the Marines, Army vs. Navy at 9 a.m.; Navy vs. AF, Marines vs. Army at 2 p.m.; Navy vs. Marines, Army vs. AF at 7 p.m.

Students prepare for challenge

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Students from Peterson's Airman Leadership School are preparing for one of their biggest challenges, defeating the base leadership in a game of volleyball at the base fitness center.

The students will get a chance to show the commanders and chiefs, from Team Pete and Schriever Air Force Base, what they can do on a volleyball court. The match will take place Sept. 15 at 3:30 p.m. on Court 1 at the Peterson Fitness and Sports Center.



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Get up!!

Airman Leadership School players Jeffrey Kolson, front, blocks a scoring attempt by classmate Peter Weatherford as the students practiced for the upcoming commanders and chiefs vs. students game.