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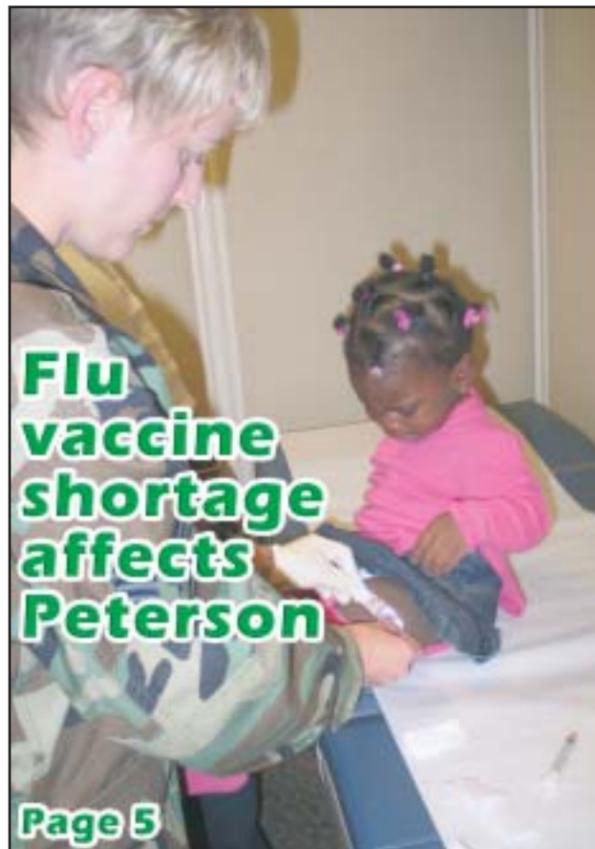
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# Detachment deactivates, reactivates to join Wing's Space Command family

By Shiona Ward  
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A ceremony was held to activate the Space and Missile Systems Center Logistics Support Squadron here Sept. 30.

The event was officiated by Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold, Space and Missile Systems Center Commander. The inactivation of SMC Detachment 11 took place along with the activation. After operating as a detachment for over six years, the detachment became the SMC Logistics Directorate Sept. 1. The SMC Logistics Group and LSS are responsible for life-cycle logistics management of SMC space systems.

The LSS is the third new squadron in the 50-year history of SMC and its predecessor organizations. It's the first new squadron in the last 12 years. The LSS will continue to be SMC's focal point in the Colorado Springs and Front Range community. The LSS will manage host and tenant agreements, facilities, information technology support and personnel support.

"SMC Logistics Support Squadron conducts the day-to-day sustainment operations for our space systems," said General Arnold.

The LSS will also partner with the Combatant Commander Command and Control Systems Group to provide services such as orderly room, first sergeant and shared facility management support.

"I appreciate the opportunity to be the first Logistics Support Squadron Commander. This has been more than a year in the making," said Lt. Col. Cheryl Junker, new LSS Commander. "We've worked hard to stand these organizations up. I'm looking forward to working with you all."

The new SMC/LG organization and its predecessors have been sustaining space weapons systems since the mission moved from Sacramento Air Logistics Center, Calif., over 15 years ago. The SMC/LG mission has broadened from pure sustainment work to include partnering with acquisition logistics experts.

"Together, with our partners in the Space community and the seasoned corps of acquisition logisticians in Los Angeles, we will usher in a new era of focus on logistics and maintenance support of the warfighter," said Louis Johnson, SMC Director of Logistics. "The bottom line is this: if you ask any warfighter in this command, they will tell you the support from this organization is outstanding and that is simply all that matters."



Photo by Robb Bussard

## Team Pete welcomes distinguished visitor

Colonel James E. Haywood, Director of the Space Superiority Materiel Wing, Los Angeles Air Force Base, presents Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. James Roche, with a unit coin Oct. 1. The SECAF visited Peterson Air Force Base to receive a Space Control Mission Area update from Air Force Space Command, Space and Missile Systems Center, the Space Warfare Center and the 21st Space Wing.

# Action Lines

## Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line is a direct link to the 21st Space Wing commander. It should be used when other avenues have failed. Concerns should be addressed at the lowest possible level in the chain of command and elevated as necessary.

Though not required, Action-Line users should leave point-of-contact information when submitting an Action Line. This will allow those who are addressing the concern to clarify the information and respond, if necessary. Not all responses are printed, however, if information allows, a response will be rendered in another format.

If satisfactory results have not been attained by addressing the chain of command, call the Action Line at 556-7777 or fax 556-7848.

## Respect where respect is due

**Question:** I'm disappointed with those I see who ignore the national anthem when others around them hear it and render a salute, have their hand over their heart, or stop their cars. That's the time of day I like to jog, and I continue to see a few who hear it, but ignore it. I consider this a lack of integrity and disrespect to the flag.

**Answer:** We couldn't agree more, and encourage you to continue to diplomatically set the example for those who might appear 'above' rendering honors to the anthem and flag. To educate those who may have missed it, we now play Reveille at 7 a.m., Retreat and the U.S. National Anthem at 5:30 p.m., and Taps at 10 p.m. Since Reveille and Taps are not part of official ceremonies, it is proper to proceed about your business.

However, when the anthem is played, it is appropriate to face in the direction of the flag and salute when in uniform, or to place your hand over your heart if in civilian attire; when driving, it is appropriate to stop until the music ends - we'll even temporarily halt traffic flow through our gates during the anthem. Please continue to spread the word and educate those who - perhaps from simple ignorance - don't follow these traditions.

## Commander explains system

**Question:** When I was at the pharmacy the other day, an individual chose the wrong ticket. When her number was called, she was told she had gotten the wrong ticket. The lady had waited a long time, but now had to take another number that

made her wait even longer. I am not sure why she couldn't have been helped and explained the difference between the tickets. The explanation for the different tickets is hard to decipher.

**Answer:** Thank you for your concern and compassion. At times, pharmacy's ticket system may seem confusing. We apologize for that. There are three ticket choices: A, B, or D. Active duty members who are in uniform should pull an A ticket. People who have an IOU for medicine from previously turned in prescriptions will pull a D ticket. Everyone else selects the B ticket. The priority order for tickets is D first, then A, and B last. Customers who hold A and D tickets wait an average of less than five minutes. Those who hold a B ticket may end up waiting much longer. Our normal policy is that if a person should have a B ticket and pulls an A or D ticket, they are corrected and told to pull a B ticket. This places them in line with other customers who hold B tickets. If a person pulls a B ticket when they should have picked a high priority A or D ticket, they will be waited on immediately and not told to pull the correct ticket. While the system can seem confusing, it is fair. If anyone has any questions, don't hesitate to call Maj. Thomas Davis at 556-1108.

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## A Moment in Time



■ **October 12, 1977** - The first class of five U.S. Air Force women navigators graduates, three of the five are assigned to Military Airlift Command aircrews.

■ **October 13, 1972** - Captain Jeffrey S. Feinstein achieves ace status by shooting down his fifth MiG-21.

■ **October 14, 1947** - Captain Charles E. Yeager at Muroc Air Base, Calif., makes the first faster-than-sound flight, in a rocket-powered research plane, Bell XS-1 rocket ship. Captain Yeager wins the Mackay Trophy for the most meritorious flight of the year.

# Navy transfers Space Surveillance Mission to Air Force's 20th Space Control Squadron

DAHLGREN, VA. - The Navy transferred operation of the former Naval Space Surveillance System, the nation's oldest sensor built to track satellites and debris in orbit around the Earth, to the Air Force during formal ceremonies here on Oct. 1.

The Secretary of Defense had directed the Navy to transfer program management of the system to the Air Force beginning in October 2003. The Air Force requested that the Navy continue to operate the space surveillance sensor, also known as the "Fence," through fiscal year 2004.

The newly created 20th Space Control Squadron Detachment 1 assumes operation of the Fence from the Naval Network and Space Operations Command. At the establishment ceremony, Rear Admiral John Cryer, the commander for NNSOC, reminded the audience that the nation's space surveillance mission has been a joint service effort from its earliest beginnings.

"Even as Navy developed the unique capability we have in the Fence, we have always worked closely with the Air Force," which is responsible for maintaining space control, Rear Admiral Cryer emphasized. "We will continue that tradition of joint service cooperation in the years ahead."

Admiral Cryer expressed pride in the command's employees who have been critical to the success of the Navy's space surveillance operation for the past several decades. "And I'm pleased the Air Force has elected to continue operation of the Fence from Dahlgren, partly in recognition of the invaluable expertise our personnel bring to the mission," he continued.

The transfer of Fence operations to the Air Force brings an end to over 40 years of Navy control of the sensor from Dahlgren, first by the Naval Space Surveillance System, then assumed by Naval Space Command in 1993, and finally by NNSOC when that organization was established in 2002.

In addition to assuming operation of the Navy's space surveillance system, the 20th SPCS Detachment 1 is also taking on the Alternate Space Control Center mission, which was first assigned to NAVSPASUR in 1987. In its ASCC role, NAVSPASUR - followed by Naval Space Command and finally NNSOC - served as the backup computational and command and control node for the Space Control Center at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Base, Colo.

The new Air Force detachment is a component of the 20th Space Control Squadron headquartered at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. During the ceremony, Lt. Col. James Hogan, squadron commander, presented the detachment's new flag to Maj. Donald Daugherty, the unit's first officer in charge.

Lieutenant Colonel Hogan remarked, "For 43

years, Navy has stood watch over space with the Fence, and has one of the first seats at the table of space surveillance. In addition, the Navy has operated the free world's only Alternate Space Control Center for 17 years.

"Today marks this country's continued commitment to these two very important missions," Colonel Hogan emphasized. "Through the Air Force's strong cadre of space professionals, we stand before you today, ready to accept this role."

Approximately 60 civilian personnel at Dahlgren - former NNSOC employees who directly support Fence and ASCC operations - will continue to work in their current functions, only as Air Force employees. Eleven Air Force military personnel have reported on board as the first uniformed members of 20th SPCS Detachment 1.

An additional 100-plus contractors will continue to support Dahlgren operations and operate nine remote field stations that make up the space surveillance sensor.

Major Daugherty has been stationed at Dahlgren since 2002, initially as an exchange officer for 14th Air Force working with NNSOC. He supported Fence operations as well as NNSOC's mission as the Alternate Space Control Center for U.S. Strategic Command.

During the ceremony, Admiral Cryer awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation to Major Daugherty in recognition of his service at NNSOC and his leadership in developing a test plan for the first evaluation of the Fence's contribution to the nation's Space Surveillance Network.

"The Air Force unit we've established at Dahlgren is an extension of the 20th Space Control Squadron primarily because their mission is to maintain space situational awareness," says Major Daugherty. The squadron, which includes approximately 115 military and civilian personnel, operates another space-looking radar in Florida as one of 17 Air Force units that support the 21st Space Wing.

"We're one of only two Air Force units within the 21st Operations Group that is collocated on a Navy installation," adds Major Daugherty. 20th SPCS Detachment 1 is also the most geographically dispersed unit within the 21st SW, consisting of 10 locations.

Design and construction of the Navy's "Fence" was begun by the Naval Research Laboratory in 1958. By February 1959, a network of six antenna sites stretching across the southern United States from Georgia to California was operational around the clock. Signals recorded at the sites as space objects

passed through the high-energy radar were transmitted to the former Naval Ordnance Laboratory at Dahlgren. There, some of Department of Defense's largest computers of that time calculated orbit predictions.

Feb. 1, 1961, NAVSPASUR was established at Dahlgren as the Navy's first operational space command. By 1965, the system had reached its current configuration of nine field stations with three transmitter sites at Lake Kickapoo, Texas, Jordan Lake, Ala., and Gila River, Ariz., and six receiver sites at Fort Stewart, Ga., Hawkinsville, Ga., Silver Lake, Miss., Red River, Ark., Elephant Butte, N.M., and San Diego, Calif.

The Naval Space Surveillance System field stations comprise a bi-static radar that points straight up into space and produces a "fence" of electromagnetic energy. The system can detect basketball-sized objects in orbit around the Earth out to an effective range of 15,000 nautical miles. Over 5 million satellite detections, or observations, are collected by the surveillance sensor each month.

The data collected is transmitted to a computer center at Dahlgren, where it is used to constantly update a database of spacecraft orbital elements. This information is reported to Fleet and Fleet Marine Forces to alert them when particular satellites of interest are overhead.

Today, the Navy's space surveillance system is one of about 20 sensors that together comprise the nation's worldwide Space Surveillance Network directed by U.S. Strategic Command in Omaha, Neb.

"The Fence is unique to the Space Surveillance Network in that it is the only non-cued sensor," explains Dr. Paul Schumacher, technical advisor to NNSOC's operations department.

"It does not need to be pointed in any one direction to track specific objects. As a constantly radiating radar, it detects everything that crosses its path," he adds. "This makes the Fence especially critical for detecting object breakups or orbital maneuvers as they occur."

The Fence sees about 60 percent of today's space object catalog, which contains over 10,500 objects. Among those objects, only about 500 are working satellites. The rest of the items are dead satellites and debris. Jim Rose oversees NNSOC's Surveillance Operations Branch, which provides Fleet support, manages the Fence's mission system operational software and assists the Alternate Space Control Center.

"The warfighter is obviously interested in the relatively small number of active payloads," Rose observes. "But it's hard to know where one object is without knowing where 10,000 objects are."

## Civilian personnel speak out on new system

By Staff Sgt. Sue Mrowiec  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Civil Service employees from around the base attended the National Security Personnel System Town Hall Meeting Sept. 30 at the Base Auditorium.

The meeting addressed concerns surrounding the new Department of Defense personnel system being developed. Hundreds turned out to hear what Washington officials had to say about the new initiative and have an opportunity to voice their views of the matter.

"This is a system that will touch several-hundred-thousand people," said Michael Dominguez, the assistant secretary of the Air Force, Manpower and Reserve Affairs. "The feedback we get

gives us an opportunity to tailor certain aspects of the system and lets people shape the direction of the NSPS."

Department of Defense officials have been seeking input from the field, outside the Beltway, by hosting a series of similar town hall-style meetings around the country. Air Force officials plan to visit every major command by the end of the year.

This is the most significant change to civil service since the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, Mr. Dominguez said. These flexibilities have never before been afforded to the system.

The concept behind the restructuring is to have the Total Force focused around national security objectives. "It's about being shoulder to shoulder with the men and women in uniform, doing

our civilian parts while they perform the warrior role," Mr. Dominguez said.

Last year, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld spoke highly of the decision to revamp the system. "These reforms will provide senior managers greater flexibility in managing our dedicated civil service, empower them to compete for high quality talent, offer compensation competitive with the private sector, and reward outstanding service," he said.

Officials assessed the current system inadequate to manage DoD civilian personnel in 21st century. Concerns over the hiring process being too slow, recruiting being adversely affected, performance having little effect on pay, limited flexibility to reassign and limited accountability raised a red flag over

the status quo. Employee benefits and Merit System safeguards are not expected to change. The NSPS will bring about essential change while preserving core and enduring values of civil service, Mr. Dominguez said.

Though Team Pete members voiced concerns over pay caps, compensation and overtime wages, and the possibility of civilian deployments, Mr. Dominguez said everyone will be protected as they transition from the old system to the new.

"An open, collaborative NSPS design process is underway," Mr. Dominguez said. "I encourage civil service members to visit the websites often, stay involved, interested and informed." For more information, visit [www.cpms.osd.mil](http://www.cpms.osd.mil).



## TEAM PETE CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE

The Peterson Hispanic Heritage Committee is sponsoring a mass and free breakfast to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sunday, at the Base Chapel. Hispanic Heritage Month promotes fellowship and camaraderie among varied cultures and ethnicities. For more information or to help with the events, call Airman 1st Class Valerie Castillo at 556-1612.

## CONTRACTING OFFICE ANNOUNCES CLOSURE

The 21st Contracting Squadron will close for an official function today at 11 a.m. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Marcus R. Webb at 556-4999. For emergencies during the closure, call Lt. Col. Jon D. Walz at 330-5279.

## EDUCATION CENTER OFFERS COMMISSIONING BRIEFINGS

Enlisted members interested in learning about commissioning opportunities may attend one of the monthly commissioning briefings offered at the Education Center. Interested members can find out more about

Officer Training School and Reserve Officer Training Corps programs such as the Airmen Education and Commissioning Program; Airmen Scholarship and Commissioning Program; and the Professional Officers Course-Early Release Program. Information on eligibility requirements, opportunities and application procedures will be discussed.

Upcoming briefing dates are Oct. 27, Nov. 23 and Dec. 29. Call 556-4064 to register for a briefing.

## TROY UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION BEGINS

Registration for Troy University's second term has begun. For more information on TSU programs, visit the education center from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays or call 265-TROY.

## COLORADO SPRINGS UNIVERISTY-PUEBLO CONTINUES REGISTRATION

Registration for classes for the second fall term with Colorado State University-Pueblo is ongoing. Classes begin Monday for all five campuses. Tuition discounts are available to military spouses. Register for classes at the education center between 8:30 a.m. and 5

p.m., call 574-3312, or visit their website at [www.colostate-pueblo.edu](http://www.colostate-pueblo.edu).

## NUMEROUS EVENTS OFFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed for a "Make a Difference Day" project Oct. 23. The volunteers will assist with indoor and outdoor painting, general yard work, raking and bagging leaves, trimming shrubs and trees, cleaning gutters, grounds clean-up and landscaping. Volunteers are also needed at the Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center. That project will involve landscaping, painting, general cleaning and putting up fences. The minimum age to volunteer for these projects is 18 and volunteers should be able to lift up to 25 pounds. To volunteer for either project, call Nona Daugherty at 556-7832 or 556-6141 or e-mail her at [nona.Daugherty@peterson.af.mil](mailto:nona.Daugherty@peterson.af.mil).

## MEDICAL GROUP MAKES ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Peterson Clinic will close from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 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, when they are unable to supervise their children.

## ASSOCIATION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Noncommissioned Officer Association needs volunteers to help sell seatbacks and programs during the U.S. Air Force Academy football season. To view the football schedule, visit [www.airforce.sports.com](http://www.airforce.sports.com). For more information, call Master Sgt. Bill Gardner at 554-2745 or e-mail [william.gardner@peterson.af.mil](mailto:william.gardner@peterson.af.mil).

## HONOR GUARD SEEKS APPLICANTS

The Peterson Honor Guard has an opening and is looking for new members. Applicants 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.



# Team Pete congratulates Airmen

The 21st Space Wing congratulates the following Team Pete members:

### Airman Below the Zone

Airmen 1st Class Elias Y. Kunishige, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron; Valerie L. Castillo, 10th Dental Squadron; Regina R. Whatley, Joint Personal Property Shipping Office; Nishant P. Patel, 21st Comptroller Squadron; Ryan L. Cahill, Air Force Space Command Headquarters; Kasey E. Johnson, 21st Operation Support Squadron; and Dusty G. Fredrikson, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center.

### First-term Airmen graduate course

Airmen Basic Christina L. Cuchens, 21st Security Forces Squadron; Karla N. Greene, 21st Space Wing Chapel; and Jonathan M. Laufer, 21st SFS.

Airmen 1st Class Christopher Choe, 21st SFS; Maria E. Gutierrez, 21st SFS; Guy A. Kramer, 21st SFS; Trisha N. Lebert, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center; Tiffany A. Lott, 84th Airlift Flight; and Nickolas P. L. Whiteside, 21st SFS.



# Team Pete prepares for flu season

## Peterson med group releases flu facts

Active duty personnel will be notified by their unit health care monitors and scheduled for their shots at Peterson AFB, Schriever AFB and Cheyenne Mountain AFS. Medical high risk (see below) beneficiaries will be notified by their PCM teams when and where to report for their immunizations. All other eligible beneficiaries (not high risk) will be notified when and where to report for their immunizations.

### What is the flu?

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine each fall.

Every year in the United States, on average: 5 percent to 20 percent of the population gets the flu; more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications; and 36,000 people die from the flu.

Some people are at high risk for serious flu complications, such as older people, young children and people with certain health conditions.

### Symptoms and flu complications

Symptoms of flu include: fever (usually high); headache; extreme tiredness; dry cough; sore throat; runny or stuffy nose; and muscle aches.

Gastro-intestinal symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, are much more common among children than adults.

Some of the complications caused by flu include bacterial pneumonia, dehydration and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma or diabetes. Children may get sinus problems and ear infections.

### How flu spreads

The flu spreads in respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. It usually spreads from person to person, though occasionally touching something with the virus on it and then touching one's mouth or nose may infect a person.

Adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before getting symptoms and up to seven days after getting sick. That means people can give someone the flu before they know they're sick as well as while they are sick.

### Preventing the flu: get a flu vaccine

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine each fall. The "flu shot" – an inactivated vaccine (containing killed virus) that is given with a needle. The flu shot is approved for use in people older than 6 months, including healthy people and people with chronic medical conditions.

About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies that provide protection against influenza virus infection develop in the body.

### When to get vaccinated

Flu season usually spikes in December and can last as late as May. The Peterson AFB Clinic will begin immunizing persons as soon as the vaccine is available from the manufacturer. NOTE: Operational military personnel deploying overseas will have priority for receiving the vaccine. At this time, due to manufacturer delays, we do not know when we will receive our first vaccine shipment. Updates on availability of vaccine will be available on the Peterson flu Line at 556-3588.

### Who should get vaccinated?

Anyone who wants to reduce their chances of getting the flu can get vaccinated. However, certain people should get vaccinated each year either because they are at high risk of having serious flu complications. Household contacts of the high-risk people

should also be vaccinated to prevent spread of the virus. People who should get vaccinated each year are:

- People at high risk for complications from the flu; people 50 years and older; people who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities that house those with long-term illnesses; adults and children 6 months and older with chronic heart or lung conditions, including asthma; adults and children 6 months and older who needed regular medical care or were in a hospital during the previous year because of a metabolic disease (like diabetes), chronic kidney disease, or weakened immune system, including immune system problems caused by medicines or by infection with human immunodeficiency virus; children 6 months to 18 years of age who are on long-term aspirin therapy; children given aspirin while they have influenza are at risk of Reye Syndrome; women who will be pregnant during the influenza season; and all children 6 to 23 months of age.

- People who can transmit influenza to others are at high risk for complications. This means that if you have contact with anyone in a high-risk group you should get vaccinated.

### Who should not be vaccinated?

There are some people who should not be vaccinated. This includes: people who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs; people who have had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past; people who developed Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks of getting an influenza vaccine previously; children less than 6 months of age; people who are sick with a fever. (These people can get vaccinated once their symptoms lessen.)

For more information, call the 21st Medical Group Flu Line at 556-3588 or go to [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).

(Courtesy of the 21st Medical Group) 



## HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCES CHANGE FOR PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Effective Oct. 4, U.S. Air Force Headquarters stated that it is inappropriate for supervisors and commanders to mention Fitness Assessment Information on performance reports. Guidance will be provided after the first round of testing is completed, to include a thorough review of established standards, scoring methodology and metrics.

## AIR FORCE ANNOUNCES NEW PHYSICAL TRAINING GEAR

At the direction of the Central Air Force Commander Dress and Appearance memo dated June 14, "the only authorized Physical Training gear will be that which is issued, and if not issued or not yet available will be conservative, professional, and with minimal or appropriate ornamentation or illustration." Operating and Maintenance funds should not be used to purchase the new official Air Force PT gear. Central Air Force Commander concurs with this proposal. The plan is to have the new PT uniform available at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in the Area Of Responsibility for members deploying in Air Expeditionary Force buckets beginning with AEF 1/2, so they may purchase the new uniform. The Air Force cannot require enlisted personnel to purchase the uniform

unless they've received a clothing allowance to cover the cost. Officers are required to purchase the uniform at their own cost. Members deploying to the AOR should bring conservative PT clothing or be willing to purchase available assets from AAFES. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Jackie Dean at DSN 227-3270 or Lt. Col. Tony Hardin at DSN 225-4865.

## DEPLOYED, NON-DEPLOYED MEMBERS MAY ACCRUE SPECIAL LEAVE

By order of the Assistant Secretary of Defense and Force Management Policy, active duty members who've been recalled from or not authorized annual leave as a consequence of duty assignments in support of contingency operations, such as Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle and Iraqi Freedom, are authorized to accumulate leave in excess of 60 days as shown on the end of month September Leave and Earnings statement. Those service members are authorized to retain such leave, not to exceed 120 days, until the end of the fiscal year 2005 or until fiscal year 2006 if other reasons preclude use of such leave. Although Special Leave Authorization has been approved, commanders and supervisors are still highly encouraged to allow military members to use their leave in the year that it's earned. For more information regarding this matter, call your unit orderly room.

## CIVILIAN MID-TERM FEEDBACK REVIEWS DUE

Supervisors should periodically meet with each employee to provide feedback on their performance, review the employee's performance elements and standards, update the employee's performance plan when changes are needed and certify the performance plan if the plan was not certified at the beginning of the rating period. At least one progress review must take place during the annual April 1 through March 31 rating period. Now is the time for supervisors to hold mid-year performance feedback discussions with each employee. Doing this now will help eliminate surprise ratings at the end of the annual appraisal cycle and allow sufficient time for employees to correct performance deficiencies or redirect their efforts based on any changes to their performance plans. Mandatory forms used to document performance feedback discussions. These forms may be filled out before or during the review with each employee. Employees should be informed that progress reviews are meant to provide feedback on performance and may impact the rating of record at the end of the appraisal period.

Supervisors aren't limited to the mandatory once a year feedback and are encouraged to hold and document periodic performance discussions. The Employee Relations Specialists at the Civilian Personnel Flight should be con-

tacted as soon as potential performance problems are identified and are available to provide assistance with performance management issues.

## SPONSORSHIP

### TRAINING AVAILABLE

The first impression newcomers get of a base comes from their sponsor. Being a sponsor is a demanding task, but rewarding. Relocation can be one of the most stressful aspects of military life and a good sponsor can make a tremendous difference in how a newcomer adjusts to life at their new installation. Sponsorship Training is provided the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Family Support Center in Bldg. 350, Room 1016. Training is also available on the Internet at <http://www.php-ids.com/nonimages/STRindex.htm>.

## DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL CONDUCTS SURVEY

The Air Force Director of Personnel will be conducting a survey to discern Airmen's opinions and preferences concerning the delivery of services to customers in the personnel and pay arenas. The survey will be sent to random participants, will not ask the member for any identifying information and their responses will not be linked to their e-mail address. While the participation in the survey is voluntary, a high response rate from the total force will enhance the study.



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# Domestic violence: Abuse batters lives, psyches, leaves lasting scars

By Maj. John Woods and Tiffany J. Smith

U.S. Air Force Academy Family Advocacy Outreach

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in the United States between the age of 15 and 44, according to the National Bureau of Statistics. Statistics show domestic violence causes more injuries than car accidents, muggings and rapes combined.

The military community is not immune to this problem. During fiscal year 2003, there were more than 3,700 substantiated reports of domestic abuse within the United States Air Force, and women and children weren't the only ones suffering from it. Men were victims in smaller numbers, according to the Air Force Medical Operating Agency.

However, physical abuse is only one side of domestic violence. There is also emotional abuse, threatening behaviors, destroying property, verbal abuse, hurting pets, and sexual abuse – forcing someone to perform sexual acts they don't want to do.

The Family Advocacy Program here offers many programs to teach people helpful ways to communicating and gives them tools they need to solve problems without resorting to violence. While education aims at preventing violence from starting, it doesn't break the cycle of domestic violence once it has started. Research indicates that families with physical, emotional or sexual abuse dynamics are very unlikely to "get better" without intervention.

Often, people in violent relationships don't realize how unhealthy the relationship is or that they are a victim. In many cases of domestic violence, the victim's mental frame of mind is completely shaken. He or she can be so riddled with guilt, whether it is self-imposed or implied by the batterer, or be in such a complete state of denial the person can't or won't admit what is happening.

Realizing they are victims and that outside intervention is necessary is the first step in the process of getting help. Domestic Violence counselors suggest that staying in abusive relationships can be likened to physical diseases. People who are involved in these relationships often go through denial, experience a "remission" where they feel like things are better, but then later return to a violent state. In the end, both the disease and the relationship can be fatal.

Both abusers and victims can benefit from therapy, but sometimes they physically need to be separated. This is where the second step towards health, a safety plan, becomes essential. Sometimes people need time to "cool off" and reassess the things they are fighting about. Abusers need time to consider what power and control they are trying to push into the relationship. Safety plans provide victims with concrete steps to follow when they are in danger; what they need to bring and where they need to go.

The third step involves counseling for both the abuser and victim. Abusers learn to identify their need for power and control in the relationship and how to deal with that more safely and effectively. Victims learn ways to keep themselves and their children safe, as well as identify the dynamics and patterns of abusive and unhealthy relationships.

Domestic violence poses a very real danger for military spouses. Moving every few years makes it hard to build support networks. There are three important things we want the victims to know: they're not alone, they're not to blame and there's help available. No one deserves to be abused.

Finally, the Family Advocacy team is available to support military families. They offer many classes designed to enhance family living, including communication training, parenting, anger and stress management, young mom's and New Parents Support Programs. No documentation goes into a medical record for those who voluntarily attend any

educational or support classes. For more information about both treatment and educational classes, call 556-8943 or 333-5270.



## The following warning signs may indicate an abusive relationship:

1. Abuse during courtship
2. Alcohol or drug abuse
3. Background of family violence
4. Minimizing and denying effects of violence
5. Difficulty handling frustration
6. Extreme jealousy
7. Mental abuse
8. Need to control
9. Sexual abuse
10. Verbal abuse

## Ways to tell if a partner is abusive:

1. Are you afraid of doing the wrong thing, even if you're not sure what that is?
2. Does your partner watch your every move?
3. Do you feel sexually ashamed or humiliated or are you being sexually hurt?
4. Does your partner refuse to help when you're sick, injured or pregnant?
5. Does he or she "put you down" at home or in public?
6. Do you avoid discussing some subjects because you're partner's reaction will be violent?
7. Does your partner place excessive limitations on what you do, such as the time "allowed" for errands or to see friends?
8. Does the partner make unreasonable accusations?
9. Has the partner injured you physically?
10. Do you live in constant fear for yourself or your children?

## Where to get help:

- Peterson AFB Family Advocacy, 556-8943
- El Paso County Center for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (now renamed T.E.S.S.A.: Trust, Education, Safety, Support, Action Center), 633-3819
- El Paso County Sheriff's Office, 520-7111
- Victim Assistance Program, 520-7272
- National Domestic Violence Hotline, (800) 799-7233
- Child Abuse Hotline, (day) 444-5700, (night) 475-9593

## Airman dips into drugs, friends' pockets

By Capt. Andrew Dunnaville

Peterson Legal Office

A 21st Security Forces Squadron Airman was convicted by General Court-Martial Aug. 31 was convicted of the following; use and distribution of cocaine – both on more than one occasion; distribution of marijuana on more than one occasion; distribution of a controlled substance (Percocet); wrongful appropriation of another airman's jacket; writing 47 checks for over \$5,800 without sufficient funds; and dishonorably failing to pay a just debt of about \$4,800.

Airman Toby R. McCleaf pleaded guilty to the charges and was sentenced to 42 months in confinement, reduction to airman basic and a bad-conduct discharge. By operation of law, he also received total forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Airman McCleaf wrote 16 bad checks to AAFES for more than \$3,900. He wrote more than \$1,200 of those hot checks to the Peterson Bowling Alley and Peterson Golf Course.

"What may be the worst of all is that Airman McCleaf wrote seven bad checks for over \$600 to his buddies so they would cash the checks for him at AAFES and give him the money," said Capt. Michael Taber, Peterson Legal Office. "Unfortunately for his friends, they were on the hook for the bad check, the returned check fee and faced losing their check-cashing privileges."

When a person endorses a check, they are guaranteeing the payment of that check; therefore he or she is held responsible for the payment.

"Airman McCleaf used his friends, the Air Force and the local community to commit his crimes. He was caught and prosecuted. Now he is currently repaying his debt by serving his sentence at Miramar Naval Prison in San Diego, Calif.," said Captain Taber.

Neither the 21st Space Wing nor the Air Force tolerates drug abuse, wrongful appropriation of funds, or actions that do not uphold Air Force core values.

## Airman receives confinement, bad conduct discharge for drug use, desertion

By Capt. Andrew Dunnaville

Peterson Legal Office

A Military Judge found an Air Force Space Command Communications Support Squadron, guilty of desertion and cocaine and methamphetamine use at a General Court-Martial here Sept. 13.

Lieutenant Col. Kurt D. Schuman presided and sentenced Senior Airman Christopher J. Bengé to 20 months confinement in a military correctional facility, a bad conduct discharge and a reduction in rank to E-1.

Airman Bengé used cocaine twice during March 2003, both times at a bar in downtown Colorado Springs. He tested positive for cocaine after a random urinalysis was taken in April 2003. The Air Force policy on illegal drug

use is zero tolerance.

A few months after testing positive for cocaine, Airman Bengé deserted his unit. He remained as a deserter until May 6. On that date, Airman Bengé was arrested in downtown Colorado Springs. The Air Force Office of Special Investigations conducted the nine-month investigation that resulted in the arrest. A hair test taken after the arrest revealed that Airman Bengé had used methamphetamines during his desertion.

The trial was conducted in the Peterson Air Force Base courtroom. Captains Suanne M. Crowley and Andrew M. Dunnaville of the Peterson Legal Office, served as trial counsel. Captain Andrew Kalavanos, Peterson Air Force Base Area Defense Counsel, represented Senior Airman Bengé.

### Do you have an interesting or important job?

Everyone on Peterson Air Force Base has a unique mission. The *Space Observer* staff would like to feature a variety of Team Pete workcenters in the "A Day in the Life" series. The series offers an opportunity for people to share their unique contributions to Team Pete. To nominate a workplace, call 556-4351 or e-mail the *Space Observer* at [space.observer@peterson.af.mil](mailto:space.observer@peterson.af.mil).

# 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.*

### LET'S GET SERIOUS ABOUT SOFTBALL

– Sept. 20

A concerned individual reported to 21st Security Forces members that a couple of rowdy softball fans were becoming very loud and disruptive in a room in the Temporary Living Facilities. Patrols went to investigate and did, in fact, find two people in a heated discussion about an earlier softball game. Both individuals were told to return to their respective rooms.

### WHERE DID THAT SCRATCH COME FROM?

– Sept. 20

An individual reported to her vehicle was damaged while parked at a dormitory. She stated she went to a friend's room and when she returned two hours later, a 7-inch white paint transfer had magically appeared on the driver's side front bumper. The 21st SFS patrols verified the damage and returned to normal service.

### POSSESSED VEHICLE – Sept. 21

A person who was parked in the parking lot at Bldg. 1 filed a report to 21st SFS members stating an unoccupied parked vehicle, of its own accord, rolled into her parked vehicle. Both vehicles suffered minor scrapes on their front bumpers. The possessed vehicle was not issued a citation and an exorcism on the

vehicle resulted in negative findings.

### MY CAR! – Sept. 21

A guest staying at the Temporary Living Facilities stated she noticed a dent on her vehicle door that was approximately 8-inches by 1-inch. A dedicated 21st SFS patrolman took color pictures of the damage and returned to service.

### PETE'S AN OPEN BASE – Sept. 22

An astute 21st SFS Entry Controller reported a vehicle had proceeded through his gate without showing proper identification to enter the installation. Patrols were dispatched and quickly found the vehicle going south on Peterson Boulevard. The Entry Controller was transported down to the suspected gaterunner to verify she was the same person who ran the gate. Upon proper verification the patrols questioned the gaterunner on why she did it. She stated she thought the gate guard had waved her onto the installation. Now, Peterson AFB policy hasn't allowed this for a couple of years now, so why would she think that? At no time will a 21st SFS entry controller wave anyone onto the base until terrorism goes away. The patrols verified she was authorized on base and she was briefed on proper entry procedures to the installation. Hopefully she got the point.

### SHIFTY SHOPLIFTERS – Sept. 22

An AAFES detective reported she saw two individuals stealing two bottles of Hennessy from the Class-6. She saw the two shoplifters leave in a gold-colored Mitsubishi. Patrols were dispatched to look for the individuals. The AAFES detective further related that one of the individuals was suspected of shoplifting in the past. Patrols looked for the individuals, but were unable to locate them. The two individuals were left to drink up their stolen merchandise to be caught another day.

### PIPE BOMB OR SPRINKLER SYSTEM?

– Sept. 23

An individual at Bldg. 350 telephoned 21st SFS members stating a 6-inch by 4-inch pipe was lying in front of the main doors. The Fire Department was notified along with Fort Carson Explosive Ordnance Disposal. Everyone was

evacuated from the building. The EOD team arrived on scene and verified the object was not a pipe bomb. Peterson K-9 Units also completed a sweep. Apparently, the "supposed pipe bomb" was just a sprinkler system and there was no need for alarm. Report all suspicious packages to Security Forces immediately.

### OLD MAN HATEFUL – Sept. 24

A shaken individual reported to 21st SFS that while he was at the Peterson Service Station he saw an elderly individual yelling at his wife who was seated in their car. The complainant approached the heated elder to see what the problem was. The elderly man then turned his wrath onto the husband shouting obscenities and shaking his hand stating that he would punch the unfortunate victim in the face. The irate man then left the service station leaving the couple to ponder his crazed actions.

### WANTS, WARRANTS FOR DUMMIES 101

– Sept. 26

Two individuals went into the Shoppette and attempted to buy alcohol. Unfortunately for them they didn't have their military identification on them and were refused the purchase. A 21st SFS Patrol initiated an escort of the two individuals off the installation. Their driver's licenses were run for wants and warrants and both came up hot. One of them had a revoked license and the other could not show up to court on time. Colorado Springs Police Department was asked to respond and both individuals were taken to El Paso County lock-up.

### BASE OPERATIONS VEHICLE BANG-UP

– Sept. 26

An individual reported his vehicle had received scratches and paint transfers to the rear bumper while he was at work. A 21st SFS patrol responded and verified the damage. No clues were revealed to how the damage had occurred. The patrol took a statement and returned to service.

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

# Team Pete mourns passing of flying tiger

## World War II flying ace shot down nine planes

By DeeDee Correll  
The Gazette

*Editor's note: The following article is reprinted with the express permission of the Colorado Springs Gazette. See the Oct. 14 issue of the Space Observer for an article featuring retired Maj. John S. Stewart and his history with the Peterson Air Force Base Flying Tigers.*

John Smith Stewart became an Air Force legend in the space of 11 months.

On July 28, 1943, he shot down two Betty Bombers and an Oscar fighter over China. On Aug. 18, he shot down two more planes, earning the title "ace." During the next eight months, he destroyed another eight enemy planes.

The World War II veteran died Sunday. He was 85.

"We're saddened by the loss of this war hero, a true American

hero," said Jenna McMullin, 21st Space Wing Public Affairs chief of community relations.

Mister Stewart was born Sept. 13, 1919, in Basin, Wyo. He attended Colorado A&M College – now Colorado State University – before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941.

The young lieutenant first served in the Panama Canal Zone, flying P-39's. In 1942, he was transferred to China as a P-40 pilot.

He distinguished himself in combat, shooting down nine planes from 1943 to 1944. His decorations include a Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying Crosses and three Air Medals.

He retired at the age of 52.

He didn't pursue another career but decided to enjoy his retirement in Monument, his wife, Lynn Stewart, said.



**Maj. Stewart**  
1919-2004

Mister Stewart did volunteer work for the Republican Party, played golf at the Air Force academy and worked as a ski instructor some weekends. He busied himself with the construction of the fami-

ly's home in Woodmoor. One thing he didn't do was continue to fly, although he remained interested in planes, Mrs. Stewart said.

"He never got to fly the B-15 – he was too old. But he wanted to fly those," she said.

Otherwise, he didn't dwell much on the war, his wife said.

"After the war, everyone talked about it for awhile," she said. "Eventually that wears off."

In recent years, she said, he attended graduation ceremonies for the Air Force Academy to bestow airmanship awards. The cadets seemed to look up to him, his wife said. "They don't fly missions like they did in the olden days," she said. "Nowadays, you push buttons."

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lynn; his son, John P. Stewart; and one daughter, Dale Gallagher.



# Team Pete's 'eye in the sky'

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Participants in 21st Space Wing exercises may have noticed a new dimension added to exercise scenarios. Aerial support from the Civil Air Patrol, the all-civilian auxiliary of the Air Force, is allowing incident commanders a bird's-eye-view of the situation as it unfolds.

The CAP aircraft flying over the scene provide situational awareness via the Satellite Digital Imaging System. Digital photos are downloaded to an on-board tablet PC or laptop computer. After the photos are cropped and sized, they can be sent via e-mail and satellite phone directly to the incident commander in near real-time.

With the downloaded imagery, Incident Commanders can get an overhead view of the entire area and see where responders are needed.

"Someone told me that we should be in there trying to show off our SDIS system. I called (21st Space Wing Exercise Director) Vic Duckarmenn and asked if we could get involved," said Col. Donald "Greg" Cortum, Commander of the Civil Air Patrol's Colorado Wing.

Since that initial contact, the CAP has supported the Wing's participation in May's GLOBAL MIRROR exercise and RED DEVIL in July.

"In conjunction with GLOBAL MIRROR, we did the Condor Crest," said 1st Lt. Paul Schoen, Pikes Peak Senior Squadron Commander. "That's where we started working with Vic."

"For RED DEVIL, we were providing imagery, but we were also acting as aggressor type forces," Lieutenant Schoen said. "They were supposed to be

camouflaged, and we were there taking pictures. We were able to send the pictures back to the command staff running the exercise, in near real time."

The CAP also recently participated in an Air Force exercise called DETERMINED PROMISE. "It was a nationwide exercise and all the SDIS systems were tasked to take pictures of spots of interest, such as power plants or dams," Colonel Cortum said.

In addition to providing photographic support for military exercises, CAP used the SDIS technology recently to photograph hurricane-ravaged areas in Florida. Photographs of damaged areas helped officials better

plan relief efforts, assess property damage and assist disaster victims.

"We do the same thing for the city, the county or the state," Lieutenant Schoen said. "We can be used for disaster readiness-type activities. During a Search and Rescue exercise in Alamosa, we took pictures of the flood conditions along headwaters of the Rio Grande." Though the opportunities to shoot are unique, they can also be life threatening, he said.

"We're going to be doing a lot more exercises with the SDIS system," Colonel Cortum said.

"We're a force multiplier in that respect," said Lieutenant Schoen. "We augment – on a very inexpensive basis – your functions."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips

**LEFT: Lieutenant Schoen shoots aerial photographs through a hatch in the aircraft window.**

**BELOW: An airplane donated to the Air Force by a local resident was used in a scenario involving weapons of mass destruction. The aerial photographs were taken from aircraft flown by Civil Air Patrol members. The CAP's role in Homeland Security was put into play during Global Mirror in May.**

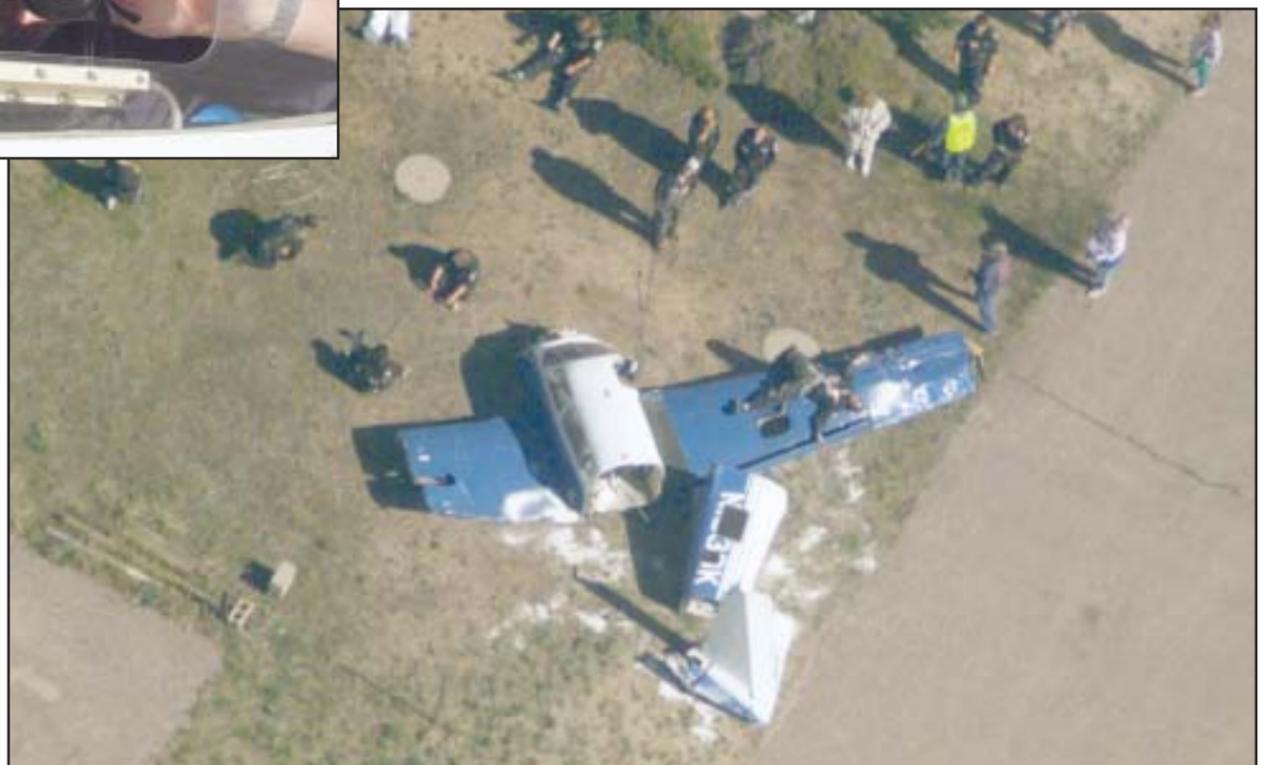


Photo courtesy of Civil Air Patrol

# Dental lab returns to Team Pete

By Staff Sgt. Denise Johnson  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The Area Dental Laboratory, which was assigned to the 10th Dental Squadron of the U.S. Air Force Academy's 10th Medical Group, was reactivated as part of the 21st Aeromedical-Dental Squadron and a full-fledged member of the 21st Space Wing here Oct. 1.

A small "Welcome Home" ceremony was held Sept. 30 to celebrate the return of the unit after they spent six years as a squadron under the 10th Air Base Wing, USAFA.

Colonel Timothy Bray, Air Force Space Command dental surgeon, and Col. Jay Santee, 21st Space Wing vice commander, joined members of the dental laboratory to welcome them on their return to AFSPC and the 21st Space Wing.

"We're happy to have such an advanced group back under our 'roof,'" said Colonel Santee. "This team offers a world of technology rarely seen in the civilian or military dental sector."

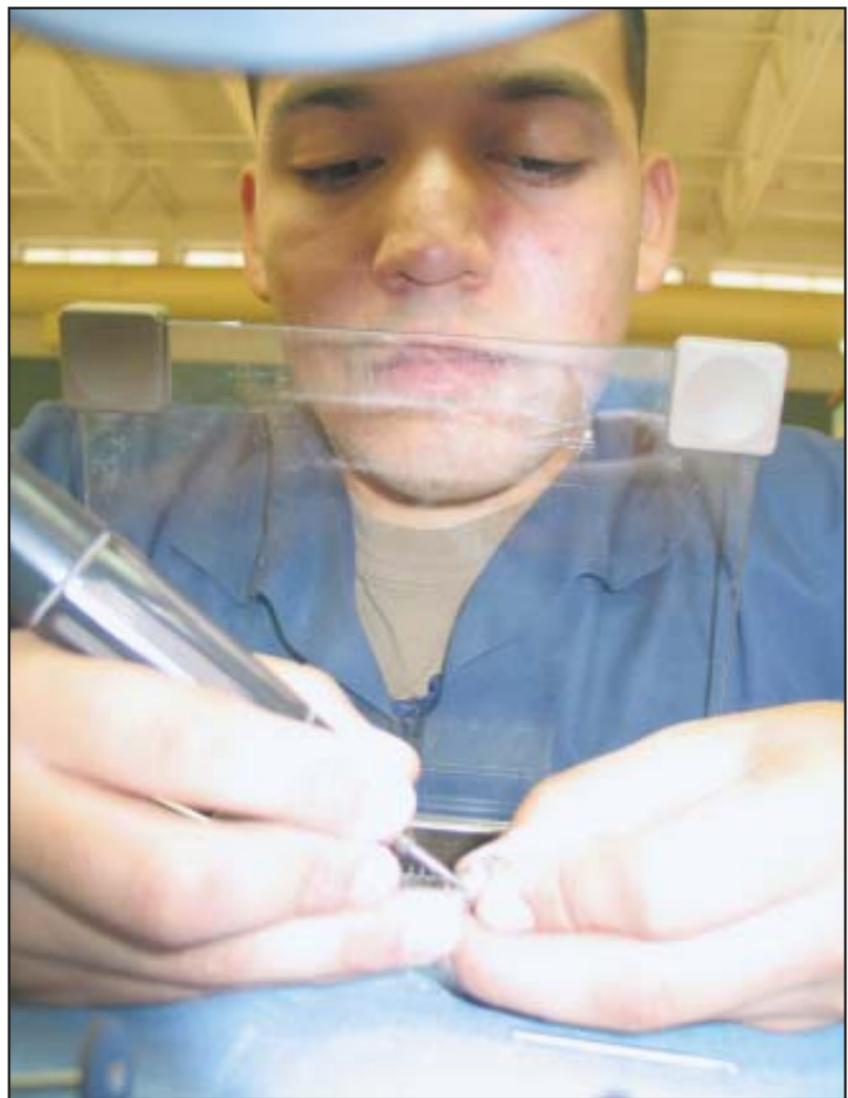


The ADL's mission is to support Department of Defense military readiness by creating dental and specialized laboratory products. The team uses their unique products and training to ensure quality and timeliness standards are met. Members of the lab also conduct research and partake in educational activities, providing consultation support when needed.

"We have equipment unavailable at any other Air Force installation in the world," said Chief Master Sgt. Dan Elfring, ADL Manager. "It's a unique job with a group of dedicated professionals I am proud to serve with."

The addition of the ADL to Team Pete's repertoire brings the numbers of 21st Space Wing units to 44, still serving 17 locations in four countries.

"They are a great addition to our team. Much like our space professionals who spend years refining their skills with the latest technology, these dental specialists are just as trained in cutting-edge technology," Colonel Santee said. "We're pleased to have them back." 



ABOVE: Senior Airman Joel Jalomo, dental lab journeyman, seats a porcelain-fused-to-metal bridge.

BELOW: Staff Sgt. Jay McLaren, dental lab craftsman, uses a laser welder to add length to a dental crown.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Denise Johnson

ABOVE: Staff Sgt. Catherine Gsell, dental lab craftsman, works with a Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Machining at the Area Dental Lab here. This piece of equipment mills out porcelain crowns and structures and makes 3-dimensional computerized visuals to aid technicians with hollowing out crowns. The Area Dental Lab is the only one in the Air Force with both the CAD/CAM and the laser welder.

RIGHT: The laser welder can be used to fix or give additional length or size to crowns and bridges. The machine allows extreme close-up monitoring on the accompanying television screen. This is the only machine of its kind in the Air Force.





## Team Pete's noteworthy events

To submit information for the base calendar, e-mail [space.observer@peterson.af.mil](mailto:space.observer@peterson.af.mil)

### Today, Oct. 14

- Shakespeare Under the Stars featuring "Macbeth" at the R.P. Lee Youth Center Gymnasium, curtains up at 5:30 p.m.
- The Pikes Peak Combined Spouses Club is hosting a game night, "Bunko for Breast Cancer" at 6:30 p.m. in the Mission Support Building. Those attending should bring a dish of food to share and wear something pink to be entered to win a door prize. For more information, call at 591-7804.

### Saturday, Oct. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 17

- Outdoor Recreation is sponsoring an overnight climbing trip to Tanner Dome, Colo. This trip is designed for climbers wanting to start sport and traditional climbs. For more information, call 556-4867.

### Sunday, Oct. 17

- There will be a Mass and free breakfast at the base chapel from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Anyone from Team Pete interested in this event is invited.

### Monday, Oct. 18

- Monday Night Football at the Enlisted Club starting at 4:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 23

- Brigham Young University vs. U.S. Air Force Academy

## 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.

### Sunday

- Use the Automotive Skills Center.

### Monday

- Water aerobics class, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center.
- Monday Night Football at the Enlisted Club. Free food, drink specials and prizes. Doors open at 4 p.m.

### Tuesday

- Family Swim Night, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center.

### Wednesday

- Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Framing classes at the Community Activities Center. 556-1733

- Take an aerobics class at 12:05 or 5:10 p.m.

- 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

## Lights On Afterschool! 2004

By Tina Marie Madsen  
R.P. Lee Youth Center

The R. P. Lee Youth Center will be hosting a Lights On AfterSchool Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. today.

This nation-wide event calls attention to after-school programs and the resources required to keep lights on and doors open after normal school hours. More than 6,000 communities will participate in the fifth anniversary of Lights On Afterschool.

The Youth Center staff is proud to be a National Supporting Organization for this year's Lights On Afterschool celebration.

Participate in Lights On Afterschool and help call attention to the importance of after-school programs. After-school programs are key to kids' success. Yet too many children and families are missing out on after-school opportunities. Today,



Photo by Airman Mandy Weightman

From left, Robert Fowler, 6, Savon Booker, 6, and Victoria Smith, 8, play with a puzzle while waiting for their bus before school. They participate in both before and after-school care at the Child Development Center here.

at Lights On Afterschool events around the country, Americans will stand up for kids and call for after-school programs for all.

Lights On After-school is a project of the Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that all children have access to after-school programs by 2010. The National Presenting Sponsor of Lights On Afterschool is the C.S. Mott Foundation. Additional support is provided by the JCPenney Afterschool Fund, the Ewing Marion Kauffman

Foundation and the Open Society Institute. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is serving as Chair of Lights On Afterschool!, a role he first embraced in 2001.

To learn more about Lights On Afterschool! visit [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org). For more information, please call the R P Lee Youth Center at 556-7220.

## ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

### Today

**Lunch:**  
Roast Loin of Pork  
Jaeger with  
Mushroom Sauce  
Glazed Cornish Hen  
Potato Halves  
Orange Rice  
Carrots  
Simmered Pinto  
Beans  
Corn Combination

**Dinner:**  
Tomato Bouillon  
Herbed Baked  
Chicken  
Stuffed Cabbage  
Southern Fried Catfish  
Black-eyed Peas with  
Rice  
Mashed Potatoes  
Sweet Potatoes  
Mixed Vegetables  
Peas

### Friday

**Lunch:**  
Lasagna  
Spaghetti with  
Meat Sauce  
Sweet Italian  
Sausage  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli Polonaise  
Italian Style Baked  
Beans

**Dinner:**  
Mexican Baked  
Chicken  
Swiss Steak with  
Tomato Sauce  
Stuffed Green  
Pepper  
Baked Macaroni  
and Cheese  
Steamed Rice

### Saturday

**Lunch:**  
Crispy Baked  
Chicken  
Cajun Meat Loaf  
Ribeye Steak  
Baked Potatoes  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli  
Peas  
Glazed Carrots

**Dinner:**  
Fish Almondine  
Stir Fry Chicken  
with Broccoli  
Pork Chops with  
Mushroom Gravy  
Risssole Potatoes  
Rice Pilaf  
Calico Corn  
Club Spinach

### Sunday

**Lunch:**  
Tuna and Noodles  
Sauerbraten  
Chicken Breast  
Parmesan  
Au Gratin Potato  
Steamed Rice  
Cauliflower  
Combination  
Peas

**Dinner:**  
Ginger Barbecue  
Chicken  
Fried Breaded  
Shrimp  
Seafood Cocktail  
Sauce  
Spinach Lasagna  
Orange Rice  
Mashed Potatoes

### Monday

**Lunch:**  
Roast Turkey  
Baked Can Ham  
Raisin Sauce  
Fish and Fries  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn Bread  
Dressing  
Tempura  
Vegetables

**Dinner:**  
Swiss Steak with  
Tomato Sauce  
Baked Chicken  
Hot Italian  
Sausage  
Peppers and  
Onions  
Steamed Rice  
Mashed Potatoes

### Tuesday

**Lunch:**  
Paprika Beef  
Barbecue Beef  
Cubes  
Chicken Fajitas  
O'Brien Potatoes  
Steamed Rice  
Cauliflower  
Corn on the Cob  
Lima Beans

**Dinner:**  
Onion-Lemon  
Baked Fish  
Steak and Pork  
Schnitzel  
Yakisoba Beef  
and Spaghetti  
Baked Potatoes  
Mashed Potatoes  
Spinach

### Wednesday

**Lunch:**  
Lasagna  
Chicken Parmesan  
Hot Italian Sausage  
Green Peppers and  
Onions  
Jefferson Noodles  
Potatoes Au Gratin  
Stewed Tomatoes  
Broccoli

**Dinner:**  
Pita Pizzas  
Country Style Steak  
Fried Chicken  
Oven Brown  
Potatoes  
Mashed Potatoes  
Fried Cauliflower  
Bean Combination  
Cabbage

The Aragon Dining Facility announces new hours of operation, effective Oct. 1  
Weekdays/Weekends: Breakfast 5:30 – 8 a.m.; Lunch 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Dinner 4 – 6 p.m.;  
Holidays/Down days: Supper 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; All carry out times 7 – 9 p.m.

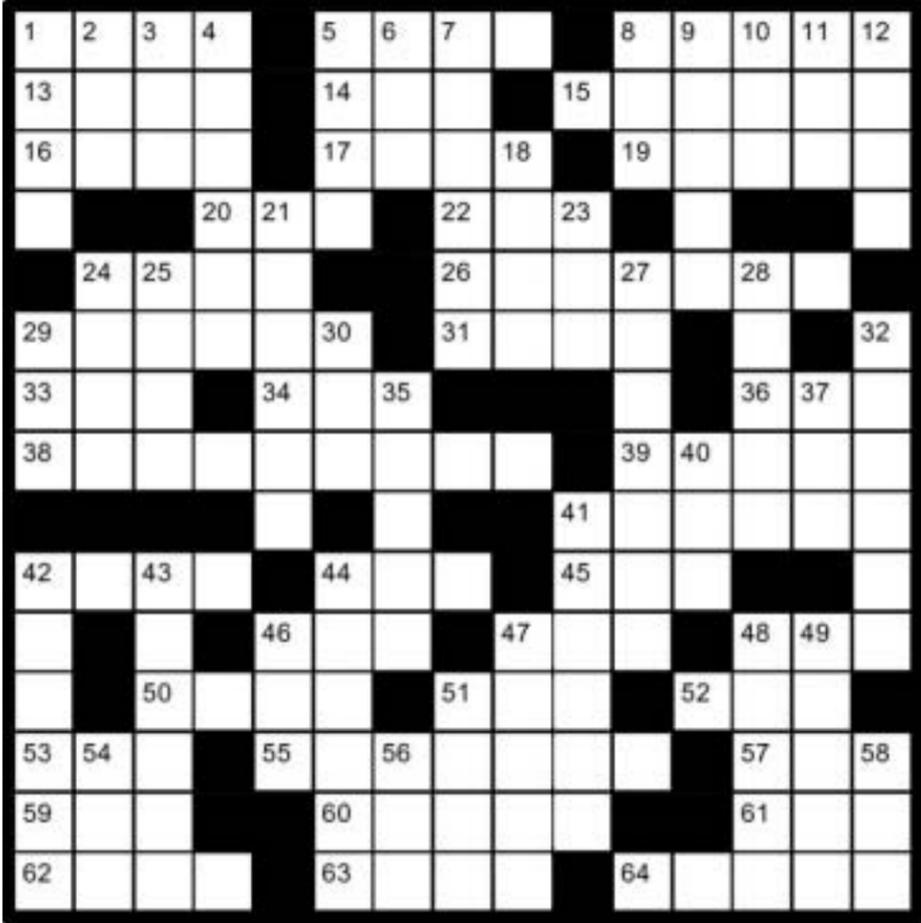


## Intramural flag football standings

Games Played Thru Oct. 7

	W	L						
1. 1st SPCS	5	0	5. 21st SFS	3	1	11. CMOC	1	2
2. Team Colorado	3	0	6. 21st MDG	3	2	12. USNORTHCOM	0	1
3. 21st CES	3	0	7. AFSPC CSS	2	2	13. 21st CONS	0	2
4. 21st SCS	4	1	8. 721st SFS	1	2	14. 21st CPTS/DS	0	2
			9. AFOTEC DET. 4	1	2	15. ARSTART	0	4
			10. 721st MSG	1	2			

## Faster than a speeding bullet



**ACROSS**

- 1. Test pilot Marion \_\_\_\_; 953 altitude record in D-558-II
- 5. Test pilot Albert \_\_\_\_; 1947 speed record
- 8. Researcher John P. \_\_\_\_; tested G-forces on body
- 13. What was under princess' mattress? (2 words)
- 14. Behold
- 15. Antenna
- 16. Cardinal great Musial
- 17. Amphibian
- 19. Where in the World person
- 20. Alias, in brief
- 22. Space
- 24. Mint
- 26. Test pilot Frank K. \_\_\_\_; 1953 speed record in YF-100
- 29. Scattered throughout
- 31. Nevada town
- 33. Pie \_\_\_\_ mode (2 words)
- 34. Talk
- 36. Expert
- 38. Test pilot Iven C. \_\_\_\_; first to fly above 100,000 ft.
- 39. Test pilot Robert M. \_\_\_\_; first to exceed Mach 4 & 5
- 41. River tributary
- 42. \_\_\_\_ Ready to Eat
- 44. Actress Ryan
- 45. German city
- 46. Org. run by SECDEF

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- 47. Everything
- 48. Foreign hat?
- 50. Lapse
- 51. Craft
- 52. Vase
- 53. Mil. acronym for how to deal with enemy
- 55. Test pilot Wilbert D. \_\_\_\_; only "space ace" with satellite kill
- 57. Hubris
- 59. Actress Margaret of Grumpy Old Men
- 60. Test pilot N.K. \_\_\_\_; completed Have Blue test program
- 61. Lord of the Rings character
- 62. Abominable snowman?
- 63. Detected
- 64. Military academy recruit

- 12. Trick
- 18. Kevin Kline movie
- 21. Test pilot William J. \_\_\_\_; piloted X-15 to Mach 6
- 23. Write, as in a novel
- 24. Columbian city
- 25. Air Force base home to 51st FW
- 27. Alien town?
- 28. Having agreeable taste
- 29. Golfer Se Ri \_\_\_\_
- 30. Actress West
- 32. Test pilot Eldon \_\_\_\_; 1971 speed record in SR-71
- 35. Leak
- 37. Roadway, in short
- 40. Fringe
- 41. Test pilot Fitzhugh L. \_\_\_\_; 1962 heaviest payload/altitude record
- 42. Test pilot Arthur \_\_\_\_; first to see curvature of Earth
- 43. \_\_\_\_ Without Leave; UCMJ violation
- 44. Mechanized bicycles
- 46. Dunk
- 47. Torching
- 48. Let go
- 49. Test pilot Joe H. \_\_\_\_; X-15 pilot and STS-2 space-craft commander
- 51. Rear end (British)
- 54. Mil. operation begun 9/11
- 56. Vote in favor
- 58. Commonly

# Returning championship contenders start season on top

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The 1st Space Control Squadron from Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station finished one game away from playing for the base championship in intramural flag football last season.

The team finished the regular season 8-0 last year and they have begun this year in the same impressive fashion with a current record of 4-0 that includes a huge 14-12 victory over a security forces team that is regarded as one of the best on base.

The 1st SPCS continued its winning season Oct. 6 by defeating 721st Mission Support Group 24-6 at the base football field. Does the fast start mean this is going to be the year the 1st SPCS wins the base championship? According to 1st SPCS Coach Chris Fowler, it will have more to do with the addition of some key players than going undefeated.

"We have a good nucleus of players that came back to the team from last year's team and we have added some very good talent this year. We feel we upgraded ourselves at a number of positions especially at quarterback where Dave Deninger has given us steady play and is a good weapon. Also, we have added one other thing we needed that we didn't have as much this year as we had last, team speed," Fowler said.

On the surface there was little reason to doubt the 1st SPCS team won't be a major player for the title this year. The 1st SPCS scored two quick touchdowns

in the first half of the game to take a 12-0 lead into halftime and all seemed to be well. Fowler said one of the things that concerns him about his team is "our ability to play up to or down to the level of our competition." He said he thinks his team found out a little bit about its makeup when the second half started.

The second half started with the 1st SPCS marching down the field and scoring a touchdown to extend its lead to 18-0. Just when it seemed his team was ready to put the game away the 721st MSG reminded the 1st SPCS defense the game was not over. On the first play after the 1st SPCS scored its 18th point, the 721st MSG offense struck for a 75-yard touchdown play to close the gap to 18-6.

Fowler's concern in this game was not if his team would win at this point but would the team understand that it had lost some of its momentum used to build up the 18-point lead. Fowler knows how difficult it is to maintain momentum in any sporting event so as his team took the field on offense after the 721st score, he said he was very eager to see how they would respond.

The 1st SPCS responded in a way that most champions respond to a challenge. The 1st SPCS marched 60 yards down the field on a drive punctuated by a spectacular catch by Scott LaFarr that kept the drive alive on a third down reception. The drive ended up in the last points of the game being scored as Deninger hit LaFarr with a touchdown pass sealing the victory.



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**Dave Deninger, second from left, 1st Space Communications Squadron quarterback, fires a pass downfield during first-half action Oct. 6 against the 721st Mission Support Group.**

After the game Fowler was happy with the way the best part of his team, the defense, played because that will be the key to a successful season as far as Fowler is concerned. He also said he likes what he sees from his team overall.

"We pride ourselves on our defense; defense is the name of the game for us. If we can play the way we did last year when we won all our games by shutout, we can be tough to

beat. I player-coached an intramural champion down at Patrick three years ago and this team reminds me a lot of that team. When the complete team shows up we have a very good team. Sometimes, because of our duty commitments, I have people who are working during the games. That makes it tough, but if our complete team is here I think we can match up with anyone," Fowler said.