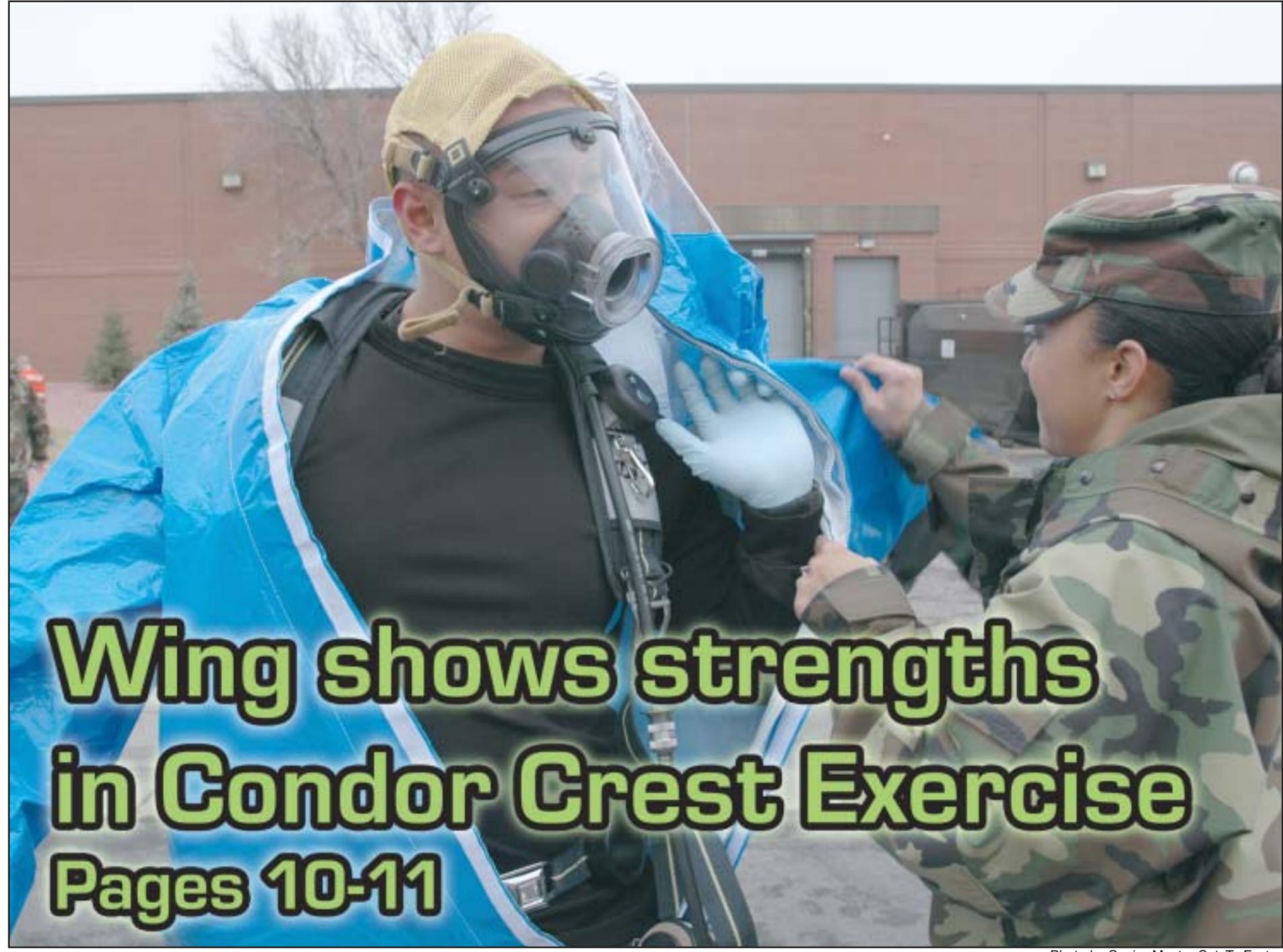


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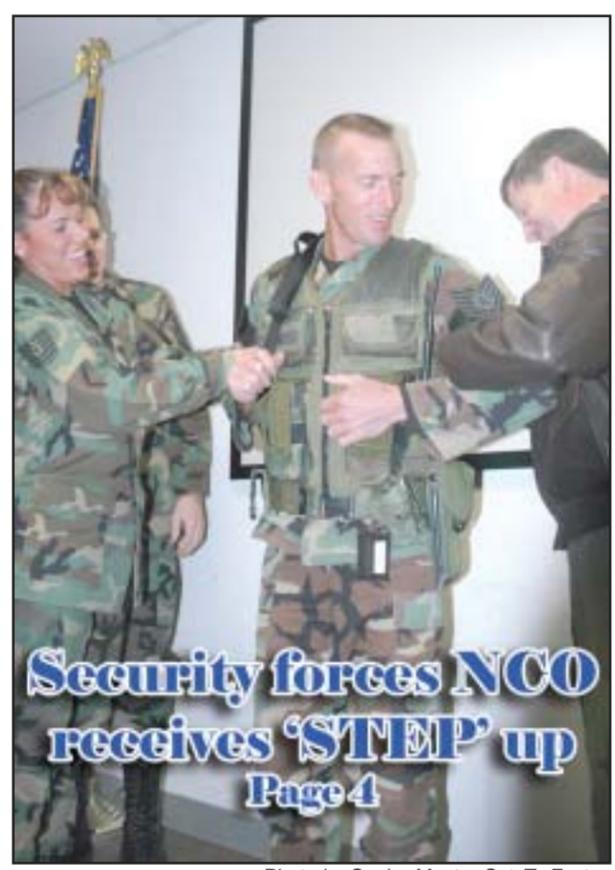
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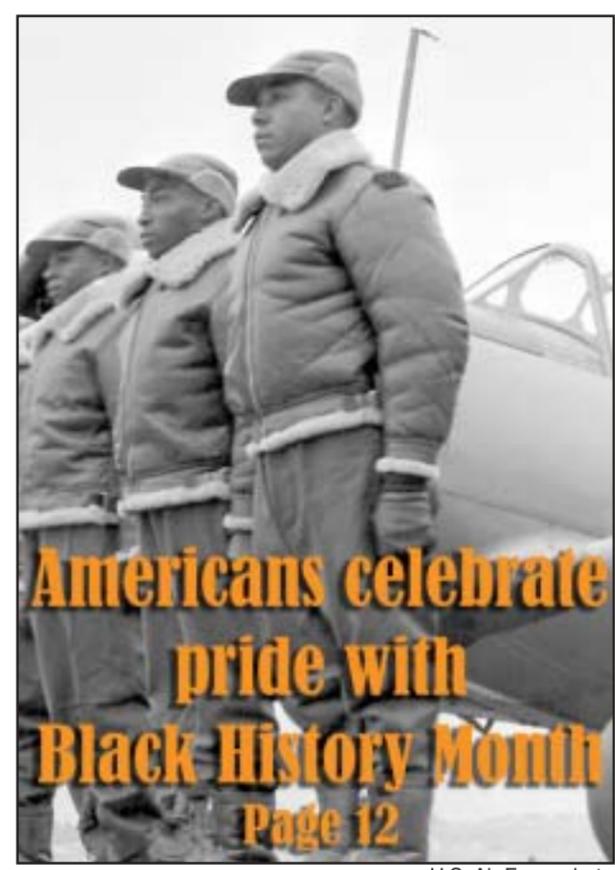
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Food for thought

By 2nd Lt. Dallas Webb
21st Services Squadron

As I have seen over the last four months, being a food service officer presents many challenges, but even more rewards. Almost everyone who comes into the Air Force – or starts in any new position – finds out pretty quickly what challenges they will face in their new job.

There were no exceptions when I entered the 21st Services Squadron with all the activities, special events and basic needs the services team fulfills.

As the food service officer, I am tasked with overseeing the operations at the Aragon dining facility at Peterson Air Force Base and the Granite Inn dining facility at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. This includes supervising cooking, creating menus, deliveries, budgeting, dining facility décor, military and contract personnel, and just about anything associated with running a restaurant.

The best part about my job is interacting with the military members and contract employees who make the dining facility function everyday. They all work very hard to ensure everyone who eats at their facility has a good experience. Preparing enjoyable meals, making sure the dining areas stay clean and guaranteeing all patrons receive exceptional service are all part of their daily jobs.

During the last four months, I have seen nothing but hard-working people striving to accomplish

the 21st SVS mission of providing a high quality of life and promoting esprit de corps on base. The rewards they help bring to the customers with good food and excellent service is a huge reward for me in that I get to work with such a great team.

Another challenge is the interaction with the facility's customers. There are so many aspects to a dining experience. The military members and contractors who run the facility want to make sure each aspect meets the high expectations of our patrons. The best way for customers to tell us what they enjoyed or what we could change is through our comment cards located in the facilities. The military facility managers and I review the cards and pass them up the chain to the 21st SVS commander.

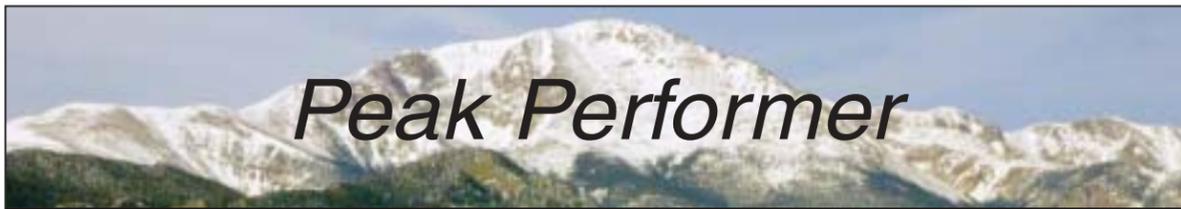
We get great feedback from these and respond to each one we receive. This is our way to hear what our patrons expect and to know what we can do to meet those expectations. It is extremely rewarding when I see comment cards expressing how well the dining facility team met the expectations of a patron. The customer comment cards we receive – which inform us of challenges we must overcome – help keep the facilities and the people at their best.

The last few months have presented many challenges and great rewards that I never expected to find. I am very excited to be in a great squadron and I look forward to continuing to help my services team keep up the quality of life and esprit de corps for the 21st Space Wing.

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Parents' Night Out

The child development and youth centers will host the second Parents' Night Out from 7 to 11 p.m. Feb. 25. This event is available to families who are eligible to use the two centers. Children from 6 weeks to 5 years will attend the CDC while children who are in kindergarten through the age of 12 years will attend the Youth Center. The cost is \$12 per child. All payments are due by noon the Wednesday prior to the session. Parents may make reservations up to 30 days prior by calling the CDC at 554-9592 or the Youth Center at 556-7220.



Peak Performer

Name: Airman 1st Class Christy Diller
Organization: 21st Services Squadron
Duty title: Food Service Apprentice
Time in service: Two years
Hometown: Johnson City, New York
Off-duty interests, hobbies: Exercising, sports, volunteering for Big Sister and Big Brother programs and taking college courses.
Why did you join the Air Force? I joined the Air Force because I wanted to get a college education.



Airman 1st Class Diller

A Moment in Time



- **Jan. 30, 1992** – Air Force Space Command assumes control of Defense Department satellites and the operation and management of the Air Force Satellite Control Network.
- **Jan. 30, 1994** – The Air Force inactivates the 717th Air Base Squadron and closes Ankara Air Station, Turkey.
- **Jan. 31, 1958** – Explorer I, the first U.S. satellite to go into orbit, is launched by a Jupiter C rocket from Cape Canaveral, Fla.
- **Jan. 31, 1961** – A Redstone booster carrying Ham, a chimpanzee, in a Mercury space capsule launches from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on an 18-minute, 420-mile flight. Ham performs well during the flight, apparently suffering no ill-effects.



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Eagle eyes report suspicious-looking shutterbug

By Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

He just looked out of place – suspicious, in fact. But there he was, walking around in the field just outside the West Gate at Peterson Air Force Base. It wasn't so much that he was walking, but that he was taking photos.

More than likely, several people noticed the man as they commuted home around 5:30 p.m. Jan. 20. Only one of those people made the anonymous call to 554-4000, the base law enforcement desk.

The LE desk recorded the Eagle Eyes report in their blotter at 5:35 p.m. Patrols from the 21st Security Forces Squadron were dispatched immediately. By 5:38 p.m., an agent from Detachment 803, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and the Colorado Springs

Police Department had been notified. A minute later base cops arrived on scene. Nineteen minutes later, OSI was outside the West Gate and Colorado Springs Police Department soon after.

The unwitting photographer, Shaun Brassell, a South African citizen living in Breckenridge, Colo., stated that he had taken three digital photos of aircraft flying in the area. He was a pilot and interested in aviation, according to the blotter entry.

Meanwhile, as OSI questioned the puzzled shutterbug, a lot of activity was going on behind the scenes.

"During the event, Security Forces was accessing the National Crime Information Center database to see if the person was wanted for anything," said Maj. Paul Cairney, 21st SFS commander. The cops also used NCIC to

ensure Mr. Brassell's vehicle wasn't stolen and was properly registered.

"This is how we catch many wanted people. We will do a quick NCIC search on people involved in any incident – traffic accidents, speeding, or visitors at the gates," the top cop said. "CSPD also assists us with their resources in the same way. If we release the individuals, we will still get a report out to other bases just in case it is part of a bigger problem."

"When there is a report, AFOSI is responsible for publishing a TALON, which informs other bases and the law enforcement community of the situation," said Special Agent Laura Hummitzsch, AFOSI Det. 803. "The Eagle Eyes program is designed to inform the Air Force and civilian community of terrorist indicators that, when observed, reported, and handled, could potentially stop a future terrorist attack."

Major Cairney and Agent Hummitzsch both said AFOSI and security forces are not able to be everywhere, so they look to the community and fellow Air Force members as additional "eyes and ears."

They said the most important aspect of the Eagle Eyes program is community involvement and a willingness for people to contact authorities if they sense something is not as it should be.

"People do not need to be

highly trained and seasoned veterans to know if something is unusual," Major Cairney said. "This is a means to tap into everyone's ability to act as a sensor. So often people see unusual events and don't know how to report it."

With Eagle Eyes, any community member can report suspicious activities 24 hours a day by calling the LE desk.

"When people know what they can report and they have a means to do so, they are more willing to make the phone call," Agent Hummitzsch said. The AFOSI encourages anyone to report something that seems suspicious.

"It is our job to determine if action will be taken," she said.

Major Cairney said they only receive one or two Eagle Eyes calls per month.

"Sometimes what seems suspicious may have a perfectly logical explanation, but we would rather have people report them and allow us to follow up than to ignore them," he said.

In the Jan. 20 Eagle Eyes incident, the major said, "At face value everything looked in order, however this report will get farmed out to other bases who can be on the lookout for the same sort of activity."

Because, he said, what appears to be innocent or isolated may turn out to be part of a bigger picture.

"Terrorists do their home-

work prior to any attack," Major Cairney said. "They will study a target extensively to find its weaknesses prior to taking action. If people ask detailed questions, or are taking photographs, or making sketches, it could be prep work for a terrorist attack."

"If an incident makes the hair on the back of your neck stand up, report it," Agent Hummitzsch said. "You should never feel foolish about reporting something – it is our job to handle the information."

Major Cairney said calling the LE desk at 556-4000 to report suspicious activities is the right action, but if there is an attack in progress, call 9-1-1 for immediate response.

Those who call in an Eagle Eyes report, like the caller Jan. 20, may remain anonymous. Those who choose to give their name receive a specially designed coin and a certificate of appreciation from the 21st Space Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Richard Webber.

Recognition aside, the most important thing is to call.

Major Cairney, Agent Hummitzsch and all of Team Pete echo their gratitude for those who remain anonymous in their reports.

"Please accept our sincere thanks for being vigilant and assisting us," the major said. "Thanks for setting a great example." 



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Courtesy photo

Whirlwind mission

Deployed in support of tsunami relief efforts, 21st Space Wing member, 1st Lt. Paradon Silpasornprasit, Public Affairs deputy chief, returns to Camp Red Horse at a Royal Thai Navy Base in Utapao, Thailand, Jan. 27. The Thailand-born American had just finished a trip that took him, and a team of military members, from Thailand to the USS Lincoln. Once aboard the USS Lincoln, the group loaded into UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and headed to Banda Aceh. There, they loaded humanitarian supplies and delivered them to villages. The lieutenant recently received orders, completing his deployment. He is currently enroute back to Peterson Air Force Base, where he will reunite with his family prior to resuming his regular duty schedule. 

Construction underway on sidewalk

The 21st Civil Engineer Squadron has contracted construction on a sidewalk to repair the storm water drainage just south of the parking areas for buildings 1, 2, and 3. Two large sections of sidewalk leading from Military Family Housing to the command buildings just east of the Peterson Shoppette have been removed. This was to facilitate the removal of the drainage pipes underneath the sidewalks. Back filling and sidewalk replacement should be complete within the next two weeks weather permitting. The construction is currently underway and is expected to be completed by Feb. 14, weather permitting. The civil engineer team recommends that anyone in the area use caution when going around the site. 

Firefighters save building

By 1st Lt. Tracy Giles

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Peterson firefighters responded to an electrical fire in the mechanical room at Building 216 Jan. 17.

Damage was estimated at more than \$15,000, according to the Fire Emergency Response Notification.

"We smelled smoke, then we stepped outside until we saw the smoke coming over the fence from the building next to us," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Johnson, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department assistant chief. "Someone quickly called 9-1-1 and within 12 minutes we had the fire out."

Sergeant Johnson said their quick actions saved the building from more severe damage.

Master Sgt. Steve Kjonaas, 21st CES Fire Prevention chief, said a 12-man fire crew responded within 20 seconds of the call. "They found the fire, isolated it and used dry chemical fire extinguishers to extinguish it."

In the meantime, Sergeant Kjonaas said all electrical services to the building were cut off and 21st CES set up temporary generator power and portable heating to help the mission of the facility continue.

Officials said an investigation revealed a mechanical failure of the electrical unit caused an overheated condition in the room. 



Team Pete NCO STEPs into ambush

By Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Bryant Evans probably thought that Jan. 21 would be like any other day. As a 21st Security Forces Squadron flight chief, he'd report to work at about 4:30 a.m., attend guard mount, go out on patrol, respond to calls and conduct security checks.

But Jan. 21 wasn't like any other day.

They'd been having some problems with their vehicles and by 1 p.m., Sergeant Evans was being called to the carpet. Senior Master Sgt. John Harvey, 21st SFS operations superintendent, told Sergeant Evans to report to his office.

"I thought the problem was resolved," Sergeant Evans said. "He told me to have a seat and started to counsel me on vehicle policies and procedures."

The flight chief listened to his superior then explained his corrective measures.

Meanwhile, a conspiracy that had brewed for days was coming to a rolling boil just down the hall from Sergeant Evans.

More than 40 people waited quietly in the security forces training room. Among the 40 were his wife Tech. Sgt. Angie Evans, Kayla and Cole, their two children, and his mother in law, Mary-Jane Cain. The squadron's senior leaders led Brig. Gen. Richard Webber, 21st Space Wing commander, and his top enlisted man, Chief Master Sgt. James Moody, into the room.

Sergeant Harvey appeared to be less than happy with Sergeant Evans' explanation. The senior master sergeant told the staff sergeant to grab his stuff and follow, Sergeant Evans said.

They walked into an ambush in the training room. The flight chief was dumbstruck when he saw everybody. Then he saw General Webber.

"I was very excited, but confused," Sergeant Evans said later. "I had tunnel vision."

General Webber told Sergeant Evans that the best part about being a commander was being able to



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster

Chief Master Sgt. James Moody, 21st Space Wing command chief, lets go on newly promoted Tech. Sgt. Bryant Evans, 21st Security Forces Squadron flight chief. Sergeant Evan's wife, Tech. Sgt. Angie Evans, and their children, Kayla and Cole, joined Brig. Gen. Richard Webber, 21st SW commander and more than 40 others to congratulate him on his STEP.

reward outstanding performers.

With that, Chief Moody joined the general and pulled out two technical sergeant stripes. Sergeant Evans still didn't really know what to make of what was going on. Everyone in the training room cheered as the wing's top leaders strapped on Tech. Sgt. Evans' new stripes.

After 12 years of stepping up, Sergeant Evans was STEPPed up under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion program.

His wife, an academy military trainer at the U.S. Air Force Academy, had known of the impending STEP promotion for two days.

Before the promotion, she told General Webber she'd kept the secret hidden.

"And I don't keep secrets," she said. Her mother affirmed that.

Sergeant Harvey partnered with Chief Master

Sgt. Rosemarie Stange, 21st SFS manager, to recommend Sergeant Evans for the promotion.

"Bryant deployed with me and two Security Forces squads for 244 days," Sergeant Harvey said. "Without a doubt, I could count on this young staff sergeant to get things done and lead the two squads whenever I was out of pocket."

"He's a hard charger who sets the standard for his subordinates to emulate," he continued. "He will knock down walls to get the mission accomplished, if needed."

After his wife and children tacked his new stripes on with solid punches to his arms, Sergeant Evans offered a few humble remarks of gratitude. They were not lost on the audience, especially General Webber.

"I'm confident we've promoted the right person," the wing commander said.



Voice rallies for benefits

By Airman Mandy Weightman

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The deputy executive director of the Air Force Sergeants Association visited local Colorado Springs Air Force installations Jan. 25 through Sunday.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Jim Lokovic made this trip to brief active-duty, reserve and Guard Airmen on new and upcoming benefits for military members.

While in the local area, Chief Lokovic spoke to leaders from Peterson, Schriever and Buckley Air Force bases as well as Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. He also briefed more than 10 groups on benefits and ideas on how to get the "Airmen's voice heard." The Pikes Peak AFSA group, Chapter 1181, hosted one such briefing on a legislative update for Peterson members. The briefing was for those who were interested in decisions being made in Washington, D.C., that affect military members around the world.

Some of the benefits the chief covered were basic allowance for housing, annual pay raises, capital gains tax waivers and reserve transitional health care benefits. He also covered the current fight to change the process of signing up for the G.I. Bill.

"Our Airmen shouldn't have to make the decision about the G.I. Bill when they are in basic training and don't have any money," Chief Lokovic said.

Following up on the subject of education, Chief Lokovic discussed tuition assistance.

"The 100-percent tuition assistance was a part of the defense bill we fought for – now we're trying to get rid of the cap for that assistance," he said.

Chief Lokovic said support from organizations such as AFSA make changes in service members' quality of life possible.

"We can't lobby for benefits without the support behind us," Chief Lokovic said. "Communicating with senators, writing letters, giving personal testimony and joining

**For information
or to get
involved with
AFSA,
visit www.afsa.org
or the
local chapter at
www.afsa1181.org**



Photo by Airman Mandy Weightman

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Jim Lokovic, deputy executive director of the Air Force Sergeants Association, speaks with Master Sgt. James Driscoll, Peterson NCO Academy Leadership Superintendent, after a briefing at the Enlisted Club Jan. 26.

organizations like AFSA provides those of us in Washington the validation and the voice to continue our fight for these benefits."

Senior Master Sgt. Nancy Kujak was among the 95 people who attended this briefing. "I've heard him speak before – the best part about the way he gives briefings is that he'll stick around afterward to answer any questions people might have," said the 21st Area Dental Laboratory support superinten-

dent. "If he doesn't know the answer, he will find it for you."

Chief Lokovic validated Sergeant Kujak's synopsis at the conclusion of his brief.

"If anyone has a suggestion on how to fix system or policy issues, they should get in touch with me and my team and I will see what we can do." For information or to get involved with AFSA, visit www.afsa.org or the local chapter at www.afsa1181.org.

Annual food safety training available

Members of the Public Health office will host Food Safety Training for supervisors from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 15 and 23 at the Enlisted Club.

This training is mandatory for all food facility supervisors.

For information or to sign up, call Jeff Johnson at 556-1218 or e-mail jeff.johnson@peterson.af.mil.

Area chiefs host bowl-a-thon

The Colorado Area Chiefs' Group will host a bowl-a-thon Feb. 14 at the Peterson Air Force Base Bowling Center.

Money raised by the event will be used to support award and recognition programs and other events. Each team will raise money by pledge per pin or one-time cash or check donations.

First-shift bowler check-in is at 9 a.m. with bowling beginning at 9:30 a.m. Second-shift check-in is at 12:30 p.m. with bowling beginning at 1 p.m.

For information, call Chief Master Sgt. Val Rimby-Barnett at 556-5919 or Chief Master Sgt. Jerry Barnett at 474-2411.



**To better serve the
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Space Observer in February.**

Club set to party for Super Bowl XXXIX

By Margie Arnold
21st Services Squadron

The Peterson Enlisted Club will host a Super Bowl XXXIX party 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. Feb. 6.

The Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots will face off in Super Bowl XXXIX at 4:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 6, in Jacksonville, Fla.

"The club has a great party planned for this year's Super Bowl," said Garry Shaffer, club manager.

Whether your favorite team is in the Super Bowl or not, the commercials debuting on Super Bowl Sunday have a history of being some of the best and funniest. Pre-game shows and half-time festivities add to the Super Bowl.

The Enlisted Club has a larger-than-life 10-foot TV screen in the lounge, plus four small TVs, and a large screen TV in the dining room. "There is no way you will miss any of the action. We've got the game covered just about everywhere in the club," Mr. Shaffer said.

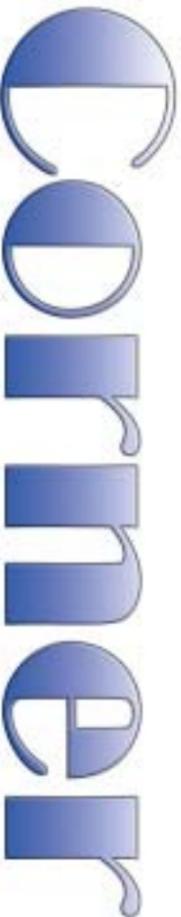
He added that the Enlisted Club will have draft beer, mug and shot specials, and some free food. "Folks sure enjoy the free food. After the free stuff is gone, the grill will be open for your orders."

There will be drawings for prizes including a 32-inch color television, a 27-inch color TV, DVDs, Xboxes, Playstations, and more!

The party is open to all civilians and all ranks of the military.

For information, call the Enlisted Club at 556-4194. The event is sponsored by DeVry University. 

Congrats



Members of Peterson Air Force Base would like to congratulate the following annual award winners:

2004 USAF Outstanding Security Forces:

Outstanding Security Forces Company Grade Officer: Capt. Victor W. Moncrieffe II, AFSPC

Outstanding Security Forces Noncommissioned Officer: Staff Sgt. Daniel A. Lent, 21st SFS

Individual awards will be presented at the SF world-wide symposium at Nellis AFB, Nev., in May.

Air Force Space Command Financial Management and Comptroller:

Individual

Financial Services Civilian (GS - 11 and above) of the Year: Gloria Sanford – 21st Space Wing

Financial Management Airman of the Year:

Airman 1st Class Nishant Patel – 21st SW

Superintendent of the Year: Senior Master

Sgt. Tammy Plotner – Space and Missile

Systems Center

Acquisition Cost Analyst of the Year (Military):

1st Lt. Donald Adkins - SMC

Acquisition Cost Analyst of the Year (Civilian):

Albert Shvartsman - SMC

Non-Appropriated Funds Financial Analyst of the

Year (Major Command, Forward Operating

Agency or Direct Reporting Unit): Patrick

Weaver – Air Force Space Command

Outstanding Contribution to Financial

Management and Comptroller (Officer): Maj.

Jarvis Baker - AFSPC

Outstanding Contribution to Financial

Management and Comptroller (Enlisted):

Master Sgt. Lori Markey - AFSPC

Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller (Civilian):

Michelle Strickland - AFSPC

Resource Advisor of the Year (MAJCOM, FOA or DRU):

Dorothy Colwell - AFSPC

Resource Advisor of the Year

(Installation Level): Master

Sgt. Martin Clark – 21st SW

Quality Assurance Manager of

the Year (MAJCOM, FOA or

DRU): Master Sgt. Charmaine

Woon - AFSPC

Quality Assurance Manager of

the Year (Installation Level):

Bruce Ellis – 21st SW

Author of the Year: Col. (S)

James Martin - AFSPC

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Management Transformation:

James Lobban - AFSPC

Organization

Special Acts and Services Award: Los Angeles

AFB - SMC

Special Acts and Services Award: FMF - AFSPC

All AFSPC winners will be

forwarded to SAF/FM for the

Air Force competition.

December 2004 "Gold Knight" award winner

21st Space Control Squadron, Postal Services Team 



Base gets involved with Children's Dental Health Month

Dental team shares health tips with Peterson, local children

By Patricia Moreaux
21st Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron

Dental professionals observe National Children's Dental Health Month every February to promote good oral hygiene practices among children. The focus is to make adults and children aware that good dental care is vital to maintaining overall health.

The 21st Space Wing Deputy

Commander, Col. Jay Santee, opened this month's celebration with a visit to the Peterson Child Development Center today. The commander signed a proclamation supporting the 21st Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron and Children's Dental Health Month.

Throughout the month, members of Peterson and Schriever Air Force Base's dental clinics will be visiting local schools to educate children about

dental health. Stops for the clinic will include Colorado Springs' Monroe Elementary, Evans Elementary, Falcon Elementary and the Peterson Child Development and Youth Centers.

"Parents are encouraged to take an active role in their child's dental care," said Maj. Scott Malthaner, periodontist, 21st ADOS.

Here are a few tips parents can use to help children care for their teeth:

- Never allow an infant to nurse continuously from a bottle of milk, formula, or juice

- Help children brush and floss until they are old enough to do an effective job on their own. The

American Dental Association recommends parents lend assistance to children less than 7 years

- Children should only chew sugarless gum

- Avoid candy and soda

- Make sure children use mouth guards for sports

"Establishing good dental habits at an early age is essential in maintaining good oral health throughout life," said Capt. Ryan Reposo, doctor of dental surgery, 21st ADOS. "By following these few simple guidelines and scheduling regular check ups with a dentist, children maintain a healthy smile for a lifetime."



Base dental pros ready to open wide for symposium

By Tech. Sgt. Matthew Gilreath
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing Area Dental Lab will host its 10th annual workshop at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs from Feb. 15 to 17.

The workshop boasts the latest in dental technology and techniques, including ceramic restorations, porcelain shaping and staining techniques, constructing provisional restorations and prosthetic dental implants.

Military members from the Front Range are not the only people who will

benefit from the annual workshop.

"All federal, state and civilian dental laboratory technicians, dentists and commercial vendors in the field of dentistry are invited," said Master Sgt. Olen Moore, wax metal team leader for the 21st Aeromedical Dental Squadron.

"The training will come from a combination of military and civilian experts from all over the world," he said. "We are trying to expose the attendees to some of the emerging technologies and dental laboratory techniques. It's really a great opportunity for dental personnel to learn the

latest and greatest techniques and see new products to help us give the best care. The training will also help us attain continuing education credits."

"The workshop covers many different areas, from lectures to actual hands on," said Chief Master Sgt. Dan Elfring, aeromedical dental lab manager.

"Members from all branches of the service will be attending the workshop, allowing us to learn from each other," he said. "It's an awesome learning environment and will only enhance the level of care we provide to our patients."



"It's an awesome learning environment and will only enhance the level of care we provide to our patients."
- Chief Master Sgt. Dan Elfring

<p>Team Pete's noteworthy events</p> <p>To submit information for the base calendar, email space.observer@peterson.af.mil</p>	<p>February is Black History Month and National Children's Dental Health Month</p>	<p>Friday, Feb. 4 through Sunday, Feb. 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SnoFest!!! event at Keystone Resort, Colo. For information, call Kay Grant at 333-6541. 	<p>Wednesday, Feb. 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ash Wednesday ■ Airman Leadership School class 05-3 Graduation
<p>Thursday, Feb. 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NCO Academy class 05-2 Graduation 	<p>Monday, Feb. 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Valentine's Day 	<p>Monday, Feb. 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ President's Day Holiday 	<p>Team Pete's noteworthy events</p>

eat your SERVICE

Cardboard derby – don't get caught in a daze

By Margie Arnold
21st Services Squadron



"SnoFest!!! sounded terrific, but the first time I heard about the cardboard derby I thought, 'what a lame idea,'" said Vicki Peterson, chairperson of this year's cardboard derby and chief of the Business Operations Support Flight at Peterson AFB. "After I watched it, I realized what a great spectator event it is."

As part of SnoFest!!! events, the cardboard derby will be held Saturday on the Discovery Slope in Keystone, Colo. Registration for the event is the day of the event from noon to 2 p.m. in the Silverthorne Room of the Mountain House in Keystone. The event is free to participants and spectators.

"There have been many kinds of things built for the race," Ms. Peterson said. "A jet, a cop car, ship and even a pair of dice. It's a good activity for everyone and the people watching the derby have so much fun. It's probably the most fun event at SnoFest!!!"

People get caught up in cardboard derby fun and participating in it is a spontaneous decision for some. However, building your derby entry outside on the slope prior to the race is a recipe for disaster, Ms. Peterson said.

"Because of the really cold temperatures, the construction materials, like cardboard and

tape don't adhere to one another," she said. "In the past, those derby vessels constructed outside literally fell apart."

For those who want to compete but have not yet built their entries, Ms. Peterson said her committee recommends building their entries before arriving at Keystone, and transporting the entry there by whatever means necessary, or building it in a hotel room once they are at the Resort.

The judges will scrutinize each entry to make sure that only regulation materials, which consist of duct tape, rope, cardboard and paint, are used, Ms. Peterson said.

"No metal parts can be used as a brake mechanism," she said. "It's all in the name of safety, fairness and fun."

Resort regulations also require anyone riding in a cardboard derby vessel to sign a release of liability. Anyone age 17 or younger riding in a derby vessel must have a parent or legal guardian sign a release of liability for them.

Entries will be divided into three cate-

gories: family, group and individual.

"Whatever the vessel's theme, costumes are encouraged," Ms. Peterson said. "Wearing costumes gives your entry an edge for the award for the artistic or creative category."

Prizes will be awarded in four areas: most artistic or creative construction, closest to the target, fastest and overall best engineered.

Judging begins at 3:30 p.m. on the Discovery Slope before the race. The derby begins at 4 p.m. The cardboard derby should be over by 5:30 p.m.

"In the past, some people just couldn't get their vessel moving, even after a push or two," Ms. Peterson said. "This year, if you can't get down in the first 15 seconds, you'll be asked to move off the slope and make way for the next racer."

A warning for those constructing speedy vessels: look out for the Keystone Police. They might be on the sidelines with their radar guns.

For information regarding this year's cardboard derby, call Ms. Peterson at 556-7412.

ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Herbed Baked Chicken Stuffed Cabbage Southern Fried Catfish Black-eyed Peas Mashed Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Peas</p>	<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Mexican Baked Chicken Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce Stuffed Green Peppers Baked Macaroni and Cheese Steamed Rice Fried Cabbage</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Lasagna Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Sweet Italian Sausage Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Polonaise Cauliflower Italian Style Baked Beans</p>	<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Crispy Baked Chicken Cajun Meat Loaf Grilled Steak Baked Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Peas Glazed Carrots</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Fish Almandine Stir Fry Chicken with Broccoli Pork Chops with Mushroom Gravy Rissole Potatoes Rice Pilaf Calico Corn Club Spinach Fried Okra</p>	<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Tuna and Noodles Sauerbraten Chicken Breast Parmesan Au Gratin Potatoes Steamed Rice Cauliflower Combination Peas Fried Cabbage</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Ginger Barbecue Chicken Fried Shrimp Seafood Cocktail Sauce Spinach Lasagna Orange Rice Mashed Potatoes Black-eyed Peas Lima Beans</p>
<p>Dinner:</p> <p>Roast Loin of Pork Jaeger with Mushroom Sauce Glazed Cornish Hen Potato Halves Orange Rice Carrots Simmered Pinto Beans Corn Combination</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>Lunch:</p> <p>Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce Baked Chicken Hot Italian Sausage Peppers and Onions Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Roast Turkey Baked Can Ham Raisin Sauce Fish and Fries Mashed Potatoes Corn Bread Dressing Tempura Vegetables</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Lunch:</p> <p>Onion-Lemon Baked Fish Steak and Pork Schnitzel Beef and Spaghetti Yakisoba Baked Potatoes Mashed Potatoes</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Paprika Beef Barbecue Beef Cubes Chicken Fajitas O'Brien Potatoes Steamed Rice Cauliflower Corn on the Cob Lima Beans</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Lunch:</p> <p>Southern Fried Catfish Barbecue Spareribs Oven Fried Chicken Red Beans and Rice Macaroni and Cheese Collard Greens</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>

Hours of Operation: 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.

Peterson shows off in 'best exercise yet'

By Airman Mandy Weightman
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles on the deployment and full-spectrum threat response exercise.

The 21st Space Wing proved their preparedness during the Condor Crest Exercise here Jan. 24 through Friday.

The purpose of Condor Crest is to evaluate the wing's abilities to carry out deployment and emergency response operations. Deployment operations were covered during the first three days of the exercise. The Full Spectrum Threat Response portion took over the final two days.

The deployment portion covers processing for deployment, self-aid buddy care, the ability to safely handle weapons and proper use of Nuclear Biological Chemical protective gear, said Col. Gary Shugart, 21st Space Wing inspector general. The FSTR tests the wing's ability to respond to an event such as a major accident, natural disaster or terrorist attack.

Colonel Shugart said he watched people take advantage of some good training opportunities taken during the field exercise portion, especially in the area of tent set-up.

"What stood out to me the most in the field was how people from different squadrons came together as one to complete the mission," said Staff Sgt. Anedra Conlan, 21st Services Squadron exercise controller.

The Inspector General said he saw that same trend during the emergency response. "We had great cooperation between firefighters, security forces and medical personnel during the FSTR event," he said.

From deployments to recalls, the majority of the Wing had a hand in the success of this exercise.



Photo by Airman Mandy Weightman
Airman 1st Class Shaun Mills, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, fills out a pre-deployment form Jan. 24 during his first stop of many in the deployment line in Building 123.

"Exercises are only as good as the inputs from all of the units involved during Condor Crest," the inspector general said there was great cooperation from all of the units that made this a challenging exercise and helped improve the wing's capabilities.

"A lot of hard work went into the preparation and execution of this Condor Crest," Colonel Shugart said. "This was the best exercise I have seen in my nineteen months as the IG."

Unlike an Operational Readiness Inspection, the Condor Crest Exercise does not spur a wing-wide outbrief. Instead, the inspectors brief the wing leadership on identifiable results.

"This exercise has one purpose," said Lt. Col. LJ Van Belkum, 21st SW deputy inspector general. "To make sure we're operationally ready, all the time."

This exercise does not garner grades in terms of ratings, the deputy inspector general explained. "Where an ORI generates grades, such as an 'Excellent' or 'Satisfactory,' the Condor Crest Exercise specifically identifies

strengths and areas in need of improvement."

The exercise also affords inspectors the opportunity to discover one-of-a-kind processes and improvements. Those benchmark programs can be acknowledged and shared with other process owners.

The wing leadership learned of their benchmark processes as well as areas in need of improvements during their hotwash, or outbrief, Monday.



Photo by Airman Mandy Weightman
Staff Sgt. Silbino Ochoa, 21st CES structural journeyman, puts the framework of a tent together Jan. 24 at Peterson East during the deployment portion of the Condor Crest Exercise.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster
LEFT: Two base firefighters in level four hazardous materials response suits drag a victim who had been exposed to a simulated release of anhydrous ammonia during an exercise scenario here Jan. 27. Teams spent nearly four hours responding to the accident, setting up decontamination areas, retrieving victims and controlling traffic.



Photo by Airman Mandy Weightman
Senior Airman David Wilson, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron structural journeyman, and 1st Lt. Charles Hailbronner, Civil Air Patrol, set up the ELPER to search for the beacon, a device located on airplanes that is activated when the plane hits or lands hard.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster
Simulated anhydrous ammonia gas boils out of a pressurized trailer overcoming several victims at a dormitory here during an exercise scenario here Jan. 27. The response included more than 100 people from around the base and diverted traffic around the commissary/BX area.



Photo by Airman Mandy Weightman
A member of the 26-person search and rescue team tags one of the remains from the plane crash as part of the Condor Crest exercise Friday in Peterson East.



Colorado's first black, female doctor remembered

By Tech. Sgt. Matt Gilreath
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

"Black History Month is not just a month in which African-Americans tout our forefathers' accomplishments and achievements," said Capt. Benjamin Nelson, Air Force Space Command logistics and communications liaison to the missile defense agency. "It's not just a time for African-Americans to be proud, but all Americans to be proud."

"It is amazing how much history we have in Colorado and don't take advantage of it," said Angie Fields, community relations consultant, for the 21st Mission Support Squadron Family Support Center. "It made me think of the times that my mother and grandparents talked about growing up in the segregated south."

Beyond the glare of the setting sun, through the golden hue, early African-American families saw freedom and opportunity on the crest of the western horizon.

The dusty trail, intense heat and endless landscape presented trials and difficulties for those traveling cross-country in a covered wagon. But overall, a sense of adventure pervaded.

From the long dusty trail emerged many self-sufficient all-black towns. Members of those all-black towns filled every job, including barbers, teachers, state legislators and doctors.

One such doctor overcame significant obstacles to be recognized as a medical professional.

Justina Ford was born in 1871 and graduated



Dr. Justina Ford
1871 - 1952

from Hering Medical School, Chicago, in 1899. She first practiced medicine in Normal, Ala. She made the long and dangerous trip to Colorado in 1902. She had

a dream of being a doctor in the state, but was met with discrimination on two counts.

According to Lawanna Larson, assistant executive director for the Black American West Museum and Heritage Center, in Denver, when Dr. Ford met with a licensing examiner in 1822, he was quoted as saying, "Ma'am I'd be dishonest taking a fee from you. You've got two strikes against you to begin with. First off you're a lady. Second, you're colored."

To these remarks, Dr. Ford responded, "I know it," she said. "I thought it all through before I came. This is just the place I want to practice medicine."

With that said, she became the first black woman to practice medicine in the state of Colorado and was allowed to practice at the Denver Medical Center. She was also admitted to the American Medical Society. By 1950, she was still the only doctor to be both African-American and female.

The pioneer doctor is said to have delivered more than 7,000 babies of all different ethnicities during her years of practice in Colorado.

The doctor passed away in 1952. In 1989, she was recognized by the Colorado Medical Society as a pioneer of Colorado. Her home still remains in Denver and is now the home of the Black American West Museum and Heritage Center.

From the pioneer days of the old west to today, African-Americans have been a pivotal part of the shaping of the west and Colorado as we know it today.

(Some information for this article was contributed by the Black American West Museum and Heritage Center, Denver.)

Tuskegee Airman to be honored at Black History Month luncheon

The Peterson Air Force Base Black History Month Committee will host a luncheon with the theme "Honoring Our Tuskegee Airman," in celebration of Black History Month

from 11 a. m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Peterson Officers' Club.

The Honorable Rodney Coleman will be this year's guest speaker.

The cost is \$15 for the event. For tickets, call Angie Fields at 556-6141 or Capt. Benjamin Nelson at 554-9817.



U.S. Air Force photo

Pilots of the Tuskegee Airmen

1940's - "Tuskegee Airmen," the elite, African-American pilots of the 332nd Fighter Group take a break near their aircraft while in Ramitelli, Italy. From left to right, Lt. Dempsey W. Morgran, Lt. Carroll S. Woods, Lt. Robert H. Nelron, Jr., Capt. Andrew D. Turner, and Lt. Clarence P. Lester.



U.S. Air Force photo

Review of the first class of Tuskegee cadets

1940's - Maj. James A. Ellison returns the salute of Mac Ross of Dayton, Ohio, as he passes down the line during review of the first class of Tuskegee cadets on the flight line at U.S. Army Air Corps basic and advanced flying school, Tuskegee, Alabama, 1941. The group is formed up amidst a squad of Vultee BT-13 trainers.

Geographically separated unit aids NASA in deep space mission

By Bruce Bookout

GEODSS Site Manager - Northrop Grumman IT

The 21st Operations Group Detachment 2 at Diego Garcia, – the Ground-based, Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance site, is aiding NASA in minimizing the risk for planetary exploration.

The GEODSS serves NASA's mission based on its unique mission to Air Force Space Command. The Indian Ocean atoll-based component of AFSPC directly supported deep space exploration Jan. 12 as NASA launched Deep Impact – the first space mission to probe beneath the surface of a comet and reveal the secrets of its interior.

The Deep Impact mission is the first to explore a comet's interior by using a spacecraft to create a crater, allowing us to look deep inside. Dramatic images from both the flyby spacecraft and the impactor will be sent back to Earth as data in near-real time. These first-ever views deep beneath a comet's surface and additional scientific measurements will provide clues to the formation of the solar system.

Amateur astronomers will combine efforts with astronomers at larger telescopes to offer the public an earth-based look at this July 2005 encounter with a comet.

The Deep Impact spacecraft lifted off on-time Jan. 12 aboard a Boeing Delta II rocket from pad 17-B at Cape



Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., at 1:47 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The spacecraft apparently entered a "safe-mode" – a condition normally used in the event of a problem after launch, but is healthy, said NASA spokeswoman Natalie Godwin. Deep Impact has since recovered and is on course.

The 820-pound Deep Impact spacecraft arrives at Comet Tempel 1 on July 4. On impact, the crater produced is expected to range in size from that of the average house to that of a football stadium, and could be from two to 14 stories deep. Ice and dust debris are ejected from the crater, revealing fresh material beneath. Sunlight reflecting off the ejected material provides a dramatic brighten-

ing that fades slowly as the debris dissipates into space or falls back onto the comet. Images from cameras and a spectrometer are sent to Earth covering the approach, the impact and its aftermath.

The effects of the collision with the comet will also be observable from certain locations on Earth and, in some cases, with smaller telescopes. The data is analyzed and combined with data from NASA and international comet missions. Results from these missions will lead to a better understanding of both the solar system's formation and implications of comets colliding with Earth.

The GEODSS tracked the Deep Impact spacecraft on a hyperbolic trajectory towards the Comet Tempel 1 encounter at a range of 75,040 kilometers, providing detailed trajectory information for the NASA mission operators. The tracking started the night of Jan. 12 and continued until sunrise Jan. 13. Approximately 114 observations for the spacecraft flight path were taken. This data enables mission planners to optimize the trek to Comet Tempel 1 for the Deep Impact spacecraft.

The GEODSS plays a vital role in tracking over 2,500 objects, including geostationary communications satellites and other deep space objects, all more than 3,000 miles from Earth. There are three operational GEODSS

sites all part of the 21st Operations Group – Socorro, N.M.; Maui, Hawaii; and Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territories.

The GEODSS performs its mission using a telescope, charge-coupled device cameras and computers. Each site has three main telescopes that have a 40-inch aperture and a 2-degree field of view. The telescopes are able to "see" objects 10,000 times dimmer than the human eye can detect.

The GEODSS cameras take very rapid electronic snapshots of the field of view. Computers then take these snapshots and overlay them on each other. Man-made space objects show up as tiny streaks viewed on a console screen. Computers measure these streaks and use the data to figure the positions of objects such as satellites in orbits from 3,000 to 22,000 miles away. This information is used to update the list of orbiting objects and sent nearly instantaneously from the sites to the 1st Space Control Squadron at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo. The three GEODSS sites are contracted to Northrop Grumman for day-to-day operations and maintenance.

Deep Impact, a NASA discovery mission, is expected to arrive July 4 at Comet Tempel 1. The impact is expected to be seen in small telescopes worldwide.

For information, visit the NASA website at <http://deepimpact.jpl.nasa.gov/>.





Peterson youth go to hoop, start basketball season

By Walt Johnson

Sports Writer

Youth from across Peterson Air Force Base congregated at the youth center Saturday to officially begin the 2005 Junior NBA Basketball season.

From now until the end of March, the youth center will be home for Peterson and local area youth ranging in ages from 3 to 18 years each Friday night and Saturday morning, afternoon and early evening.

Les Stewart, Peterson youth sports director, said it was always fun watching the budding athletes get excited about "being in the big time." They always seem to enjoy playing on the different youth center teams that represent a current NBA team. There are usually some bugs to work out on opening day, but this day got off to a great start. And as it progressed, it continued that way, Mr. Stewart added.

"We started today with the 3 and 4 year olds and the day could not have started better for us. The [team members] were having so much fun. You could see the excitement of the moment as they were getting ready to play their first game." The games transitioned smoothly into the 5- and 6-year-old group. "We're anticipating the 7 to 9-year-old and the 10- to 12-year-old games will go just as well," Mr. Stewart said.

The youth center will host the 16- to 18-year-old basketball players Friday nights beginning at 7 p.m. until the end of March. The director said if Friday night's games and attendance are an indication of the season's turn out, "then this is going to be a



Photo by Walt Johnson

Members of the youth center Hornets battle the Timberwolves for a loose ball during basketball action Saturday at the Peterson Youth Center. Divisions cover a span of ages ranging from 3 to 18 years.

wonderful place for people to see some good basketball.

"We had a great crowd here Friday for the games. The people just enjoyed themselves and got to see some great basketball action. We're delighted about that because we are going to have lot of teams from downtown come to play at our facility," Stewart said. "We want them to have a good time while they're our guests. This program is a good community-relations program and is also good clean competitive fun

for the children."

As for the Saturday action, Heat assistant coach Shannon Davison was just as excited about the start of the season as the children. Before the game she gave her young team a refresher on the fundamentals. Coach Davison said she has spent more than a decade learning how to be successful at a game she's played and enjoyed since she was 10 years old.

"I'm coaching this team because I like interacting with young players. I

want to teach them the game like I was taught at a young age. I'd like to teach them to have fun and work well with one another," Coach Davison said. "I've seen a lot of improvement since we started practicing. They're getting to the point where they understand what we want them to do."

People can watch youth basketball action Fridays beginning at 5 p.m. and continuing Saturdays at 9 a.m. For information and scheduling, call the Peterson Youth Center at 556-7220.

AFOTEC stymies space controllers, 40-28, in Over-30 League

By **Walt Johnson**
Sports Writer

The Over-30 Intramural Basketball team, AFOTEC, made the 76th Space Control Squadron team its latest victim with a convincing 40-28 win Thursday.

The game was played at a very even pace for the AFOTEC team who never trailed after the first minutes of play. The 76th SCS never mounted a threat serious enough to stop AFOTEC's victory.

After building a 22-16 half-time lead, AFOTEC allowed the 76th SCS only 12 points in the second half.

Coach Lawrence Yaddie, whose AFOTEC team takes on his quiet yet effective demeanor, said his team is not playing above its head nor is it the odds-on-favorite to beat other teams each time out. He said a steady, disciplined approach, along with some good luck, has been the cornerstone of their success.

"We are undefeated on the season and one thing I can attribute it to is we have a lot of hard-working ball players. We've also been fortunate that all our players have been available to play for most of the season. As long as our players can continue to keep showing up for the games and we don't have anyone going TDY we feel we have a team that is good enough to keep on winning," Coach Yaddie said.

One thing this team has that is evident by watching them play from the sidelines is a sense of unity that most, if not all coaches would kill for, Coach Yaddie said.

When players on the floor make a good play the team bench is usually the first to recognize it. Coach Yaddie said this is no accident and is a result of the way the team works together off the court.

"The one thing about this team is they enjoy playing the game. This team realizes that when we come out and we have fun and we play hard we have a great chance to win the game. The best part about this

team is the camaraderie that is evident among the players," he said. "We genuinely like each other and we talk to each other all the time – especially during the game, sharing different ways to help us be successful."

Coach Yaddie attributes part of his team's success to the "Fit-to-Fight" program. It shows in the conditioning and stamina his team has. "These guys take a lot of pride in their physical appearance and their physical make up and we can see the results both on and off the court," Coach Yaddie said.

If anyone thinks this is going to be a team that is not competitive the rest of the year they may want to think twice. Coach Yaddie said this team could definitely get better.

"We're working on taking care of the ball better, making the good passes and making those easy lay-ups we feel can make us a better team," he said. "In this game we missed way too many lay-ups and we didn't get to many loose balls. Those are the areas I think we can get better at."

Intramural basketball standings

Competitive league basketball standings	721 MSG 3 3	JPPSO-COS 1 4	21 SFS 0 7
Games played through Jan. 26	21 MDG 3 4	21 SVS 1 4	
Teams	84 ALF 1 4	Monday through	Thursday Over-30
1 SPCS 6 1	21 CES 0 5	Wednesday Over-30	league
21 OSS 6 1	21 CPTS 0 5	league	Games played through Jan. 27
21 MDG/ADL 5 1	721 SFS 0 7	Games played through Jan. 26	Teams
21 CES/FD 4 2	Recreation basketball league standings	Teams	W L
21 SFS 4 2	Games played through Jan. 28	NORTHCOM 1 8 1	DET 4 AFOTEC 8 0
21 SCS 4 3	Teams	HQ AFSPC/CE 7 1	AFSPC CSS 7 1
ARSTRAT 4 3	W L	21 MDG 6 3	76th SPCS 2 4
21 CONS 3 2	AFOTEC DET4 5 0	TEAM COLORADO 3 6	NORTHCOM 2 3 5
	TEAM COLORADO 3 2	21 SCS 0 6	NORAD 2 5
			21 CES 0 7

Sport Shorts

The Peterson Sports and Fitness Center Special Program's Office will host the following events at the center unless otherwise listed. For information, call 556-1515.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Feb. 11 through 12 – The event begins 5 p.m. Feb. 11 and continues at 9 a.m. Feb. 12. There is no entry fee. Sign up by Wednesday.

5K PRESIDENTS' DAY

FUN RUN

11:30 a.m. Feb. 18 – There is no entry fee. People interested have until the start of the event to sign up.



FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER ANNOUNCES PLAY GROUP

The Peterson Family Advocacy Center is hosting a Play Group from 10:30 a.m. to noon today at the Peterson Youth Center. For information, call the center at 556-8943.

CHILD CARE FACILITIES HOST SECOND 'PARENTS' NIGHT OUT'

The Child Development Center and Youth Center will host the second Parents' Night Out from 7 to 11 p.m. Feb. 25. Anyone eligible to use these facilities is eligible to take advantage of this offer. Parents may make reservations up to 30 days prior and must pay in advance. For information, call the CDC at 554-9592 or the Youth Center at 556-7220.

TOP THREE COUNCIL MEETS

The Pikes Peak Top 3 meets at 3 p.m. today at the Enlisted Club. Membership is open to all master sergeant selects through chief master sergeants who are assigned here. Retirees who are sponsored by an active-duty top three member are also welcome to join as associate members. Pikes Peak Top 3 actively supports enlisted causes and professional development through a variety of activities. For information, call Senior Master Sgt. Leyda Pendergrass at 556-9022.

FEDERAL WOMEN'S PROGRAM HOSTS SEMINAR

"Women and Finances," sponsored by Morgan Stanley, will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the civilian personnel office conference room, Building 350. Lee Cross will be speaking about how to invest, banking methodologies, budgeting, purchasing property, and more. This is an official function and does not require participants to take leave. It is open to all Team Pete members. There is no sign up. For information, call Debra Agnew at 554-5265.

NATIONAL PRAYER LUNCHEON

The Peterson Chapel is hosting the National Prayer Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 22 at the Peterson Air Force Base Enlisted Club. A choice of beef burgundy over rice or chef salad will be offered for \$5. The cost is \$3 for those in the ranks of E-4 and below. The guest speaker will be Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles Baldwin, United States Air Force Chief of Chaplains. People can purchase tickets through unit first sergeants. Attire will be uniform of the day. For information, call the chapel staff at 556-4442.

CHAPEL HOSTS FAMILY REUNION RETREAT

The Peterson Chapel is holding a Family Reunion Retreat, Feb. 25 through 27, at the Horn Creek Conference Center, Westcliffe, Colo. The retreat is for families returning from, or leaving for, a deployment. This weekend is a time for families to spend together in a recreational setting. While this is a chapel-sponsored event, there is no explicitly religious programming (other than camp-led prayers before meals). One to two hours of the weekend will be structured with family-relationship presentations from the chapel and other base helping agencies. The rest of the time is unstructured to allow families to relax and take advantage of the many opportunities (most of which are free) offered by Horn Creek Conference Center. Cost for E-4 and below is \$25 per couple or \$35 per family. Cost for E-5 and above is \$35 per couple or \$45 per family. For information or to register, call chapel staff at 556-4442.

ASIAN-PACIFIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE BEGINS PLANNING

The Asian-Pacific Heritage Committee will meet from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Wednesday through May in the Mission Support Building atrium, Building 350. Committee members are looking for volunteers. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Master Sgt. Aaron Konia at 554-4629, Staff Sgt. Eden MacInnes at 556-0432 or Dolly Daniels at 556-7039.

ALABAMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD OFFERS PART-TIME JOBS

The Alabama Air National Guard is seeking people to fill part-time vacancies in various career fields. For information, call Master Sgt. Vonsetta Roberts at (334) 394-7191, DSN 358-9191, (800) 368-4481 or e-mail vonsetta.roberts@almont.ang.af.mil.

MISSILE SQUADRON HOSTS REUNION

The 12th Missile Squadron will host the 2005 Red Dawg Reunion March 2 through 5. All former members of the 12th MS are invited back to Great Falls and Malmstrom AFB, Montana, for the event. Activities will include an icebreaker, base and missile complex tours, and the reunion dinner featuring guest speaker Brig. Gen. Ronald Haeckel, the 27th Commander of the 12th MS. For information and reg-

istration, contact 1st Lt. Todd Young at (406) 761-2784 or via e-mail, todd.young@malmstrom.af.mil. Up-to-date information can be found at the reunion website, www.reddawg.s4u.org.

GOVERNMENT E-MAIL FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Air Force employees may use government-provided e-mail for official use only. Use of government e-mail is consent to monitoring. E-mail should be used in support of the Air Force mission, including morale uses during deployments. Users should be professional and careful in their correspondence and always consider operational security. Users should not put classified material in unclassified e-mail, distribute copyrighted materials without owner consent, use for commercial or financial gain, degrade network performance by overloading the network with chain letters, jokes and broadcast messages, use someone else's identity or use unprofessional language.

NEW YORK AIR NATIONAL GUARD ANNOUNCES VACANCIES

The New York Air National Guard is looking for people to fill traditional guard vacancies. For information on career fields, call Master Sgt. James Reeves at (800) 524-5070 or e-mail James.Reeves@nyscot.ang.af.mil.

AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY OFFERS EDUCATION GRANTS

The Air Force Aid Society's General H. Arnold Education Grant Program awards \$1,500 in grants to sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 Active Guard and Reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired reservists with 20 or more years of qualifying service and deceased Air Force members. Active-duty spouses residing stateside, spouses of Title 10 AGR/Reservists on extended active duty and surviving spouses of deceased members are also eligible candidates. For information or an application, call the Family Support Center at 556-6141 or visit the Air Force Aid Society's web site at www.afas.org.

HONOR GUARD SEEKS APPLICANTS

The High Frontier Honor Guard is looking for new members. Applicants can be in the ranks of airman through technical sergeant. For information, call 556-8029.

