By Capt. Karim Ratey
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs


Current and former national defense leaders, active and retired senior officers, community leaders and active-duty servicemembers gathered at the Peterson Air Force Base parade field to welcome AFSPC’s newest commander. He succeeds Gen. Lance W. Lord who retired April 1.

General Chilton pinned on the rank of general in a promotion ceremony, the morning of his assumption of command. He is the first astronaut to earn a fourth star.

In his speech, General Moseley illustrated General Chilton’s capabilities to lead the command. “There is no one better prepared to lead Air Force Space Command today than General Kevin ‘Chili’ Chilton. Chili, you’re a great commander, a great Airman, a great leader, a great astronaut — you know air and space power first hand; you understand the nuances of command, and you know the challenges ahead of us as an air and space force,” he said.

General Chilton said he was excited and humbled to lead a “fantastic team” of total force military, civilian and contractors who deliver Air Force space capabilities for the defense of the nation.

“This command really is unique compared to every other major command, in my opinion,” General Chilton said. “I’m talking about the unique fact that every operational unit of this command is CHOP’d (change of operational control) to our nation’s combatant commander for space (U. S. Strategic Command). We are in the fight, 24/7, 365 days a year.”

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AFSPC commander sends Independence Day message

By Gen. Kevin P. Chilton
AFSPC commander

Cathy and I are proud to celebrate this Fourth of July as members of the Air Force Space Command family, and we are overwhelmed with the warm welcome you have given us. I continue to be impressed with the dedication, professionalism and patriotism of the command’s active-duty, Guard, reserve, civilian and contractor personnel — each of you is truly a national treasure.

This holiday carries special significance, as thousands of service men and women are deployed around the world, or standing watch here at home, defending the very freedoms our forefathers fought so hard to establish 230 years ago.

Let us keep our Airmen’s sacrifices foremost in our thoughts and their families in our hearts as we fight this long war for the preservation of our hard-won freedoms.

Our nation’s birthday is a time of celebration, and a time to relax with family and friends. You have worked extraordinarily hard this past year, and your efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. You’ve earned this long weekend, so enjoy it. But whatever your activities, please remember to put safety first. I need you, and your Air Force needs you back on the job Wednesday rested, healthy and reenergized for the fight at hand.

Commanders and supervisors, look your troops in the eyes and emphasize you need to consider risks and act responsibly this weekend.

Airmen, plan your activities in advance, identify the potential hazards and take the necessary precautions to make this a mishap-free holiday weekend. Use the proper protective equipment for your planned activity, and get plenty of rest.

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4-star honor
Gen. T. Michael Moseley, chief of staff of the Air Force (left), congratulates Gen. Kevin P. Chilton, commander, Air Force Space Command, on receiving his fourth star at the Peterson Air Force Base Officers Club on Monday. General Chilton is the first astronaut to earn a fourth star.
Security forces work to keep Peterson safe

By Col. Jay G. Santee
21st Space Wing commander

Security forces, you see them all over Peterson and every other Air Force base. They are the guardians of our homes and the defenders of our facilities. Without the 21st Security Forces Squadron, our base, our resources and our people would be easy prey for enemies.

There are more than 200 military, civilians and contractors who put their lives on the front line every day to make sure other units can do their part of the mission.

Not only do they protect their home base, but the squadron has one of the highest deployment rates in Air Force Space Command.

There are three flights included in this outstanding and hard working unit: the operations flight, the training and resources flight and the administration flight.

The operations flight is broken into five sections: installation security, installation support security, military working dog, investigations and geographically separated unit support.

Installation security has four on-duty flights who work rotating shifts to provide 24-hour response services as well as three other flights to provide for Peterson’s physical and resource security. Our MWD section is the second largest in the operational Air Force and is often called upon to provide worldwide support up to the presidential level, in addition to the high operations tempo they maintain every day. The criminal investigations section handles more than 100 cases each year and acts as the unit’s criminal intelligence liaison for the unit. They also act as personal security officers when dignitaries visit the base. The GSU support section acts as the liaison for security forces issues with the 21st Space Wing GSUs including Thule Air Base, Greenland and Clear AB, Alaska.

The 21st SFS Operations Flight also controls the contract guard section which performs installation entry control duties under a contract with the AKAL Company.

The training and resources flight is broken into three major sections responsible for making sure people assigned to the unit are up to date on their annual training as well as making sure Peterson’s resource augmentation duty augmentees are properly trained for their duties. The flight also makes sure the unit can meet its existing police requirements, including weapons and the vehicle fleet.

The 21st SFS Administration Flight works mainly with information. They oversee industrial, personnel security programs, and collection and analysis of criminal activity trends. They keep track of who can and cannot drive on base, who is not allowed on base or to shop in the base exchange and many other functions.

With the help of the READY program, the unit recently maintained in-garrison 24-hour operations with almost half of the unit’s military members deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 21st SFS has received some well-deserved recognition for their hard work here and around the world including being named “Air Force Space Command’s Best Medium Security Forces unit” in 2003 and 2005. This team of Security Forces Defenders has risen to meet every challenge and is indeed furthering the 21st Space Wing in achieving its vision of “Strength and Preparedness to Save the Nation.”

Understanding our values, worldview to save nation

By Capt. Warren Brainard
21st Security Forces Squadron

Experts suggest that our worldview stems from the growth of cultural diversity issues in people’s lives. This is due to our vast differences in beliefs and attitudes among numerous mixed social and ethnic backgrounds and cultural sensitivities in regards to how we were raised and what we believe as our core values.

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As a military member, my worldview is based on the needs of my nation to serve, sacrifice and execute my mission — fully understanding the moral consequences of my actions through the lens of our core values: Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do. By blending these principles, I’ve found significance in my actions and responsibilities which I’ve sworn to uphold while honoring my responsibilities to God, my family and my nation.

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Community activities center

Outdoor recreation

A float fishing trip is Saturday and Sunday. Guides will lead participants to prime fishing locations. Cost is $125 per person. This includes transportation, guides and a shore lunch. For information or to register, call 556-4867.

Whitewater rafting trips run daily through Aug. 15. Raft trips require at least four people age 16 or older weighing 90 pounds or more each. Cost is $75 per person and includes rafting gear, transportation from Peterson and a picnic lunch. Advance registration is required. For information, call 556-4867.

Outdoor recreation rents mountain bikes for the weekend. For information, call 556-4867.

21st Services Independence Day-related events

People can participate in Stay Out of the Sun Day Monday and bowl three games for the price of two. For information, call 556-4607.

Peterson Services Facility hours

The Aero Club is closed Sunday through Tuesday but flying is permitted.

The Aquatics Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and closed Monday and Tuesday.

The auto hobby shop is closed Monday and Tuesday.

The bowling center is closed Sunday; open Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed Tuesday.

The community activities center is closed Monday and Tuesday. The child development center main annex is closed Tuesday. The Enlisted Club is closed from Saturday through Tuesday.

The Fitness and Sports Center is open from Saturday through Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The library is closed Tuesday. The Officers Club is closed from Saturday through Tuesday. There will be no bingo Monday.

Outdoor Recreation is closed Monday and Tuesday.

The R.P. Lee Youth Center is closed Tuesday.

21st Services Independence Day-related events

People are all fired up for the Fourth of July. They are making all kinds of plans to kick back with a cold brew, head to the fairgrounds, ballpark and mountains, or even to celebrate the nation’s birthday with fireworks.

It can be a lot of fun to shoot off fireworks – if Airmen assess the risks and plan in advance. Operational risk management isn’t bureaucratic and cumbersome nonsense – it’s using your head. Follow the basic rules of ACT – Assess the risk, Consider alternatives and Take action.

Those who plan to stay in the local area for the weekend should understand that fireworks are prohibited on Peterson Air Force Base, within the Colorado Springs city limits and in all of El Paso County. Hot, dry weather has made this a year to consider doing something other than fireworks.

In fact, many other counties through-out Colorado have already banned fireworks as well.

These who plan to spend the weekend where fireworks are permitted need to know the facts and the risks before igniting that first fuse. The firecracker and bottle-rocket are resounding favorites of all ages. However, its speed, unpredictable flight path and the way it is used (remember those bottle rocket wars?) also make it the most dangerous firework leading to avoidable mishaps.

Sparklers account for the second highest number of fireworks-related injuries – mostly to preschoolers. Aren’t they usually what parents hand the little ones to draw brilliant trails in the little ones to draw brilliant trails in the sky?

Preventable mishaps typically involve the eyes, face, ears (usually perforated eardrums), hands and fingers. Some mishaps involve severe burns and loss of eyesight to one or both eyes. Think about what sparks the chain of events that could result in catastrophe and take action.

Fireworks are unforgiving of human error. Don’t make snap decisions. Plan your event and do the basics:

Avoid tragedy and enjoy the weekend. Relax, have fun, but be safe.

If you are in an area that allows fireworks, take care to limit risks.

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By addressing the chain of command, call the Action Line at 556-7777 or fax 556-7848.

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- If you have further concerns about this program, contact Mr. Tex Jewel, infrastructure superintendent, at 556-1450.

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New contractor takes over support for Air Force radar system

By Stefan Bocchino
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

British Aerospace Systems was recently selected as the prime contractor to provide operations, maintenance and logistics support for the Solid State Phased Array Radar System. The SSPARS mission is the responsibility of the 21st Space Wing at Peterson Air Force Base, said Master Sgt. Richard Frey, chief of current operations for the 21st Operations Support Squadron. It is a network of powerful ground based radar systems in five locations within the Northern Hemisphere. The radars are located at Beale AFB, Calif.; Cape Cod Air Force Station, Mass.; Clear AFS, Alaska; Royal Air Force Fylingdales, England; and Thule Air Base, Greenland.

“The primary mission for SSPARS is missile warning and detection,” Sergeant Frey said. “It is part of dual phenomenology. First our satellite systems would detect a launch and then the ground based radars would detect the missiles when they come back to Earth. The SSPARS has the capability to track multiple objects as they come into Earth’s atmosphere.”

The SSPARS also have a secondary mission for which it is mostly used, said Sergeant Frey. The mission is space surveillance. This mission consists of detecting and tracking space objects such as satellites and debris.

“BAE Systems will provide operations, maintenance and logistical support for the SSPARS sites,” said Frank Zacharias, a contracting officer for the 21st Contracting Squadron. They have one subcontractor, TekStar, which is an Alaskan Native Corporation who will provide base civil engineering support to Clear AFS, Alaska.”

BAE was chosen because they provided the best value proposal to the government, Mr. Zacharias said.

The contract phase-in begins July 1 and goes through Sept. 30, he said. The base year then starts Oct. 1, 2006, and runs for one year. Each year the contract can be extended or terminated based on the performance work statement.

“BAE has an important mission,” said Sergeant Frey. “They are the backbone in keeping the radars running. The system has been around for a while, but it is a trusted piece of equipment and an integral part of the missile defense system.”

BAE has its headquarters in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., said Mr. Zacharias. They also maintain a small office in Colorado Springs. They are a transatlantic defense and aerospace company with more than 100,000 employees worldwide.

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Vehicles collide

An Airman operating a government-owned vehicle backed out of a parking place at the Enlisted Club and struck a car being driven by a fellow Airman. Security forces responded and issued a ticket to the GOV driver for improper backing. Always check for oncoming cars when backing, especially when driving a large or unfamiliar vehicle.

Stolen property

A senior airman reported her bicycle, worth $700, was stolen while it was being stored unsecured in a bathroom.

In a separate incident, an Airman reported that his son’s scooter was stolen from in front of the youth center.

Always secure personal property, even for a short amount of time. Taking other’s property is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Drivers stopped by security forces

An Army specialist was stopped for possible driving under the influence. Security forces administered several field sobriety tests, and the Soldier was transported to the Colorado Springs Police Department for a breath test, which measured .120.

The Soldier was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence or impaired and was released to his first sergeant.

In a separate incident, a civilian employee was detained at the west gate after security forces noted he was fumbling for his identification card, had slurred speech and had an odor of alcohol emitting from the vehicle. He was issued a summons for driving under the influence.

Driving under the influence can kill or maim, and can result in large fines, loss of driver’s license and loss of base driving privileges.

Illegal fireworks reported

A master sergeant telephoned security forces to report the loud sound of fireworks behind his residence. Patrols responded and did not find anyone discharging the fireworks.

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Peak Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Danny Hayter
Organization: 721st Security Forces Squadron
Duty title: Flight chief
Time in service: 9 years, 10 months
Home town: Houston

Off-duty interests and hobbies: I enjoy spending time with my wife, playing sports and listening to music. I also enjoy watching the news, spending time with my friends and fishing.

Why did you join the Air Force? I joined the Air Force because my stepfather was in the Marine Corps. He had discipline, courage and was an upright individual. He showed me that no matter the situation, whether negative or positive, with determination you can overcome anything. I admired that.

What inspires you to do what you do? My family, leadership and subordinates inspire me to do what I do. Leadership inspires me because they are where I’m trying to be and subordinates because I want them to excel in the career field.

What is your favorite part of your job? My favorite part of the job is responding to situations that require the attention of security forces. When you respond to a domestic or security incident or to a driving under the influence and neutralize the situation, there is nothing like it. That’s what we train and work for.

What goals have you set? My goal is to make chief master sergeant before I reach 25 years in the military.

How do you support the warfighter? I support the warfighter by securing Cheyenne Mountain, while they are deployed. Patrolling the installation, responding to alarm activations and training subordinates to deploy to any forward location are a few of the things I do.

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Housing office closed
The Housing Office is closed Monday and Tuesday for Independence Day. The office resumes regular hours (7 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Wednesday. For information call Mrs. Johnna Phillips at 556-4332.

NCO induction ceremony
The monthly Team Pete NCO Induction and Recognition Ceremony is 3 p.m. Friday at the Enlisted Club. For information call Master Sgt. Tina Ebersole at 556-8145.

Volunteers needed
Volunteers are needed at the Marian House soup kitchen from 7 to 11 a.m. Sunday. For information, call Master Sgt. Lee Cochran at 554-5656.

AFSA meeting
The Air Force Sergeants’ Association Pikes Peak Chapter 1181 holds its general membership meetings at 4 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at the Peterson Enlisted Club. It is open to all E-1 to E-9 Air Force members (Active, Retired, Reserve and Guard). For information, call Staff Sgt. Anna Mlaker at (719) 556-4940.

21st MDG closed
The 21st Medical Group is closed Saturday to Tuesday for the Independence Day holiday; it will resume normal hours Wednesday. Patients will be able to access a provider on-call for questions or health concerns by dialing 556-CARE during these days.

Learn to rock climb
The fitness and sports center offers climbing certification classes by senior climbing instructor Mr. Dan Rodriguez. Classes are open to adults age 18 and older. For information call 556-7035.

Softball tryouts
The Peterson AFB men’s softball team is holding tryouts at 3:30 p.m. July 12 at field 3. For information call Senior Master Sgt. Joey Quezno at 567-7733.

Education fair
The Peterson AFB education fair is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 14 at the base exchange. The fair is open to all active duty members, spouses, dependent children and DOD civilians. Representatives from various schools will be available to answer questions. For information, call the education office at 556-4064.
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Honoring others
AF Honor guard seeks Airmen

By Senior Airman Jessica Switzer
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

In almost every movie made with a military funeral in it, viewers will see an honor guard performing a rifle volley or folding the flag from the member’s casket. Both of these functions and more are carried out by the High Frontier Honor Guard.

This team of highly motivated individuals is looking for a few good Airmen to join its ranks, Airmen in the sense that everyone in the Air Force is an Airmen.

“There’s an urban legend that the honor guard is just for airmen,” said Chief Master Sgt. James Moody, 21st Space Wing command chief master sergeant and a former honor guard member. “We need warriors of all ranks – Airmen, NCOs, senior NCOs, company grade officers and field grade officers.”

Part of this is because one of the honor guard goals is to have someone on a funeral detail who is at least equal in rank to the person being buried, to present the flag from the coffin to the next of kin, Chief Moody said.

“Airmen interested in serving on the base honor guard must meet certain guidelines. “Appearance is important,” Chief McCloskey said. “You must look good in uniform. An overweight airman would be excluded. Height, on the other hand is not a limiting factor for the base honor guard.”

High Frontier Honor Guard members are mainly recruited from Peterson and Schriever Air Force bases and commit to one of two contracts, Chief McCloskey said. Members who volunteer for the full-time contract report every day at the High Frontier Honor Guard offices for three months. The other option for Airmen is to sign up for one year, working on one of four teams. Each team is on duty for one week and members work at their regular duty sections the next three weeks.

“We get most of our personnel through a quota system organized by the command chiefs and first sergeants,” said Chief McCloskey. “A lot of people volunteer when the call goes out. They’ve heard from their friends about what a great and rewarding duty this is.”

Airmen interested in joining the High Frontier Honor Guard can call 556-3589 to find out more about the program.

“When those who are gathered (at a funeral) to pay their last respects come up and thank us for our service both at the funeral and for our nation, my reply is always the same – ‘It is our honor,’” said Chief Moody, who still serves on a team when he is needed. “There is a pride in being a part of a detail made up of outstanding warriors who step up to the challenge of being an honor guard member. I’m not the only command chief master sergeant who goes on details with the honor guard in our Air Force, there are several who do. The honor guard is for everyone.”
Visitor’s Center personnel do more than just sign passes

By Krystal Marceau

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

In the building by the north gate, a group of Airmen assist visitors in arriving, processing and contractors alike.

The Peterson Air Force Base Visitor’s Center is where anyone without a registered vehicle must go before entering base.

Four servicemembers and three personnel transits (those on medical status) also work at the visitor’s center.

They are sometimes called upon to deal with some of the difficult situations with irate customers, but Staff Sgt. Valerie Browne, 21st Security Forces Squadron pass and registration NCO in charge, works with the staff to solve the issue and makes sure all visitors receive the same quality customer service.

“I love working with people,” said Sgt. Browne. “Working with the numerous personalities and experiencing all the different and diverse people who come to the visitor’s center is appealing to me. I’m a big fan of that.”

Distinguished visitors go through the center almost daily. She is one of the first to greet them.

In between distinguished visitors and “putting out the fires” of last minute situations that tend to appear, Airmen at the center are responsible for the issue, reissue, destruction and accountability of Air Force Entry Control Cards, coordinating incoming and outgoing correspondence and for an annual inventory of accountable forms and AFECCE’s.

Airmen are also responsible for special event letters for installation access. They track down any information not provided on the sheet to ensure the safety of Peterson when guests arrive, according to Sergeant Browne. This also includes checking through the National Wants and Warrants Database.

In Sergeant Browne’s mind, what stands out the most about meeting diverse people is the Royal Air Force personnel who come onto Peterson.

“I’ve worked with them in other countries on deployments,” Sergeant Browne said, “but it’s just fun to work with them here.”

One of the assigned personnel is Senior Airman Melissa Tracy, 21st Security Forces Squadron, pass and registration clerk.

Airman Tracy has the task of making restricted area badges, contractor badges and visitor passes, as well as registering vehicles. She also is a key element in customer service.

Airman Tracy makes badges for a majority of the day. It takes her about two minutes to make one.

“I’m pretty fast,” Airman Tracy said. “I’ve had a lot of practice.”

At the end of every week, they report how many people’s badges have been deleted, meaning a person has PCS’d or retired from Peterson. The report goes to Schriever Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station so the person out-processing doesn’t have to go there personally.

About 130 to 200 people come through the visitor’s center daily.

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General Chilton spoke briefly about upgrading Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missiles, prompt global strike, responsive space capabilities and bringing improved strategic deterrence, the ICBM, to Peterson.

The planet’s most powerful strategic deterrent, the ICBM, exists out of sight, below the ground; the bits and bytes that transmit weather, warning, communications and navigation are transmitted through the ether to the end user; and the satellites are out of sight, but not out of mind, General Chilton said.

Speaking to the men and women of AFSPC, the general said, “To tell you the truth, I kind of like the idea of being invisible and powerful … and that is exactly what you are. You are the power behind this great force.”

General Chilton said his commitment will be to remain focused on organizing, training and equipping the command to provide the asymmetric advantage Airmen bring to today’s fight.

The general is a 1976 distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is a command astronaut pilot with more than 5,000 flight hours.

General Chilton joined the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1987. At NASA he flew three space shuttle missions on space shuttles Atlantis and Endeavor and served as the deputy program manager for operations for the International Space Station program.

He now leads nearly 40,000 space and missile professionals who provide combat forces and capabilities to USTRATCOSM and North American Aerospace Defense Command. General Chilton is responsible for the development, acquisition and operation of the Air Force’s space and missile systems.

Air Force sends Independence Day message

WASHINGTON – The following is an Independence Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley.

“Happy Birthday, America! For 230 years, this nation and its people have represented freedom and democracy. We earned that reputation through courageous acts of patriotism by our founding fathers and through brav-ery on battlefields across the world. Today we mark not a resounding victory in a great battle, but instead the day when we stood up as a free and independent nation and told the world we would no longer live under tyrannical rule.

“This year, as you gather to celebrate the founding of our great nation, pause a moment to remember our heroes currently serving away from home, fighting to preserve the very same freedoms the patriots before us secured. Their efforts are helping us soar to a future bounded by limitless horizons.

“You, the men and women of America’s Air Force, reflect the generations of patriots who, through their actions, displayed the values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. Thank you for your unyielding commitment, and have a happy and safe Fourth of July!”

Independence, from Page 1

Please don’t let fatigue or alcohol impair your judgment. Every AFSPC base has a program to provide rides for those who need one, and I encourage you to take advantage of these services if you find you’ve had too much to drink.

If you’re celebrating on the water, ensure you do not go alone – use protective equipment and avoid alcohol. We have already lost one member of the AFSPC family due to drowning – that is one too many. Be a good wingman and take care of your fellow Airmen, coworkers and friends. Remember, safety is a choice – don’t take it for granted.

Every one of you is vital to our comman-d’s success. Cathy and I wish you a happy and safe Independence Day, full of celebration, relaxation and reflection! God bless and God speed.
WASHINGTON — In a solemn ceremony under sunny skies, the ground that nearly five years ago was the scene of a catastrophic attack was dedicated June 15 to the memory of those who were killed.

Senior Defense Department leaders, Cabinet members, members of Congress, family members, friends and Pentagon employees gathered for the ceremony to mark the start of construction on the Pentagon Memorial, which is being built at the site where hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

“We remember all who hallow this ground — the passengers of American Airlines Flight 77 and the men and women, military and civilian, who worked here and quietly and capably served their country,” Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said at the ceremony. “Today we claim this ground for them, for their families, and for the brave service men and women who have volunteered to go out to meet our nation’s enemies and keep our country safe.”

The Pentagon Memorial, which is set to be completed in 2008, will cover a two-acre site and contain 184 illuminated benches representing each of the people killed at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, with lighted reflecting pools beneath each bench. Jim Laychak, president of the Pentagon Memorial Fund and whose wife, Janice, a budget analyst, was killed in the Pentagon attack, said he remembered the scenes of the attacks.

“If she could have seen the ceremony, she would have been overwhelmed, he said. “I think she would be extremely elated,” he said, choking back tears. “She would be happy and proud of the work that all of us are doing today to keep their memory alive.”

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“Today marks a positive outcome from a tragic day,” he said.

The ceremony also was about remembrance of the victims. Mr. Laychak said. He said he will remember the way his brother laughed and hugged, and the bond they shared. “That’s what will become the essence of this place,” he said. “It will be a place for remembering our loved ones.”

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“Myth: An alleged victim who is described as “passed out drunk” is obviously a person of bad character and is to blame for the assault.

FACT: There are several reasons why this is false.
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Myth: People who are promiscuous or who work as prostitutes and exotic dancers are inviting rape.

FACT: Many people who have been previous victims of sexual assault are sexually promiscuous as a symptom of post traumatic stress.
Airmen use lessons learned 10 years after Khobar Towers attack

By Staff Sgt. Phyllis Duff
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO – It was around 10 p.m. June 25, 1996, when Staff Sgt. Alfredo Guerrero went to check the security post. He was a guard on the rooftop of an eight-story Khobar Towers apartment building at Dhahran Air Base, Saudi Arabia. He asked the sentry on watch if everything was okay.

Below them, residents in the rooms were settling in for the night. Most were with the 4404th Wing – protectors of the “no fly zone” in Southern Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch.

Some Airmen were writing letters or calling home. Some were playing cards or shooting pool in the recreation room. Others were showering and some were already asleep. For many, there were only a handful of days left on their tour before the “Freedom Bird” would fly them home from their deployment.

As the two security policemen talked, Sergeant Guerrero noticed an olive drab gas truck following a white Chery Caprice. Winding their way through the parking lot, the car came down the fence line and parked, flashing its headlights. The truck nudged its way up to the perimeter fence. A two-lane street ran between the fence and the building.

Two white-robed men wearing the traditional red and white checkered headdresses got out of the truck and ran to the car.

Sergeant Guerrero’s heart jolted. The sedan peeled out and was soon gone.

“Just two more weeks and I’ll be home,” he thought. Sergeant Guerrero was one of the eight sentries guarding the apartment building.

“Why not? They’re our people. We need to evacuate! Get out now!” the sentry yelled. The doors crashed open and a debris-filled area and cars filled with aid workers spilled onto the building.

“Get out! There’s a bomb!” the sentry yelled. The sentry ran to the car.

Sergeant Oldham sat up in bed and went to get up. “Ow!” he said as a shard of glass dug into his bare foot. “I decided it was time to grab some shoes and my dog tags and get the hell out of here,” said the former active-duty supply trooper.

Outside, those who could helped the wounded and tended to the dead. The sergeant whispered the rows upon rows of seriously wounded and bleeding. He attributes organization and everyone’s will “to keep it together” as a key factor in minimizing the death toll.

Self-aid and buddy care, an annual training, is what saved the victims. “It’ll save your life and that’s the bottom line. You’d be surprised what comes back to you on how to apply bandages, splint an arm, treating for shock,” said Sergeant Oldham, now a master sergeant with the Arkansas Air National Guard.

After the tragedy, with three hours still left on his shift, Sergeant Guerrero went back to his post and continued his vigilant watch.

People were looking at me like I was a ghost or something,” he said. “As cops, we do this kind of stuff all the time, and 99 percent of the time nothing ever comes of it,” Sergeant Guerrero said. “Eventually you’re going to come to the conclusion that what motivated and practiced – doing what you’re supposed to do – is so important.”

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But Sergeant Van Devendorf said no amount of precaution will eliminate the threat to American service members, no matter where they serve. “There always will be a threat from international terrorists, criminal threats, foreign intelligence, domestic terrorists and so on,” he said. “The world is always changing and terrorism along with it. With the United States going to war against terrorism, we have to be aware of the threat at all times and make ourselves as unpredictable and uninviting as possible.”

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“If this is the reality of the world today,” he said.

Ten years after the fateful attack, Sergeant Oldham, of Shavntown, Ill., still thinks of the tragedy in Dhahran as surreal.

“You never expect something like that to happen to you,” he said. “I wasn’t expecting a terrorist attack, for God’s sake.”

Since the deadly attack, Sergeant Guerrero has lived totally aware of his surroundings – all the things an antiterrorism courses teach. He has instilled the practices into his day-to-day life, even when he books an airplane flight.

Sergeant Guerrero said people have to open their eyes and be more aware of their surroundings. They no longer have a choice.

“We simply can’t walk around with blinders on,” he said. “You’re a target. Be cautious in what you do. Be observant. Know your threats. Train for the inevitable.”

Nineteen Airmen died and hundreds were injured in the terrorist attack at the Khobar Towers apartment building in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, on June 25, 1996. The front of Building 131 was blown off when terrorists detonated a fuel truck that was parked nearby.

The attack changed the way the Air Force viewed force protection. On June 21, 2001 – almost five years to the day after the tragedy – Attorney General John Ashcroft announced the indictment of 14 people on charges of murder and conspiracy in connection with the attack.

Antiterrorism took the forefront in the Air Force.

“The mentality of the Air Force has changed. Everything has changed,” Sergeant Guerrero said. “I was glad to be a part of that. We’ve gotten so much better since that incident.”

Because of the attack, the Air Force developed the Level II Antiterrorism course, increased stand-off distances, and improved communication.

“It’s just sad that 19 people had to die for us to change our mentality, the sergeant said.

So Sergeant Guerrero believes that force protection is everybody’s business.

“It doesn’t matter who they are. Everybody’s a sensor now. There aren’t enough cops out there to see everything. It’s everybody’s responsibility to report what’s going on,” said Sergeant Guerrero, who is from Modesto, Calif., and is now stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

He teaches antiterrorism there and abroad.

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“If this is the reality of the world today,” he said.

Ten years after the fateful attack, Sergeant Oldham, of Shavntown, Ill., still thinks of the tragedy in Dhahran as surreal.

“You never expect something like that to happen to you,” he said. “I wasn’t expecting a terrorist attack, for God’s sake.”

Since the deadly attack, Sergeant Guerrero has lived totally aware of his surroundings – all the things an antiterrorism courses teach. He has instilled the practices into his day-to-day life, even when he books an airplane flight.

Sergeant Guerrero said people have to open their eyes and be more aware of their surroundings. They no longer have a choice.

“We simply can’t walk around with blinders on,” he said. “You’re a target. Be cautious in what you do. Be observant. Know your threats. Train for the inevitable.”
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**Pushing for a score**

Forward Darron Haughn, 21st Space Communications Squadron team (right), pushes the ball past forward James Mades, 850th Electronic Systems Group team, in the Intramural Soccer championship game. The 21st SCS won the game, 2 to 1, to win the Base Soccer Championship.

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