721st SFS Airman honored for work in Iraq

By Corey Dahl

An Airman at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, has been awarded an Air Force Combat Action Medal for his extraordinary actions while deployed to Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Seligman, 721st Security Forces Squadron, received his medal from Col. Jay Raymond, 21st Space Wing commander, at a commander’s call Aug. 26 here. The award recognizes Sergeant Seligman’s achievements while deployed to Baghdad in 2007 as a driver on a police transition team convoy. Then just a Senior Airman, Sergeant Seligman guided his team to safety while under enemy fire on more than one occasion and — on Aug. 27, 2007 — he saved the lives of everyone in his vehicle.

That day, while on patrol, the leader of then-Airman Seligman’s combat patrol spotted a roadside improvised explosive device and halted the convoy to take protective measures. As soon as Airman Seligman stopped his vehicle — the second in a chain of four — he realized he had pulled up right beside the IED.

Immediately, Airman Seligman threw his vehicle into reverse, managing to make it 15 feet away from the IED before it exploded, showering the Humvee with debris. His actions allowed him and his three passengers to escape the situation alive.

Sergeant Seligman sustained a traumatic brain injury when the IED exploded and will be separating from the Air Force in a few months. While he hadn’t planned on injuries, said team member Senior Airman John Dannen. "Every off day, we’ve been practicing at the Air Force Academy, running through the course," Airman Dannen said. "We had a pretty good idea of what we were going to run.

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Peterson Fire Department headed to world championship

By Corey Dahl

After performing well at a regional competition in Oklahoma, Peterson’s fire department is headed to the World Championship Firefighter Combat Challenge in Las Vegas November.

The Six-member Peterson team clocked a time of 1 minute and 33 seconds on the challenging course at the Midwest Regional Firefighter Combat Challenge in Altus, Okla., Aug. 15 and 16. They ranked ninth out of 20 teams, qualifying them to move on to the World Challenge, Nov. 11 in Las Vegas.

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21st Space Wing commander

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By Col. Jay Raymond
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Precision, reliability, high standards and ac-
countability are all familiar terms heard more
now than ever before. Re-imagining these ideas
is the methodical approach we must
in order to reinvigorate our commitment to
flawless mission accomplishment.

Toward this end, Gen. C. Robert Kohler, commander of Air Force Space Command just
announced the ‘AFSPC Year of Leadership,’
with the goal of advancing the development
of both present and future leaders at all levels
of the command. The Year of Leadership
is intended to designate essential areas of
concentration to guide this effort.

Beginning September 2008, we will take
time to focus on the heritage from which we
drive our core values and operate to meet
tomorrow’s challenges. The importance of
our 21st Space Wing mission — ‘Conduct
flawless warning and space control
operations, provide unsurpassed installation
support and protection, while developing and
deploying Warrior Airmen...’ — demands
a relentless pursuit of excellence. I expect
every member of the wing to take ownership
of our mission and constantly strive to do
their part flawlessly.

Last week, we conducted a rigorous Condo
Crest exercise to stress the wing in all aspects
of our mission. Thanks to each of you for
the maximum effort you gave in exercising
our wartime and contingency capabilities.

Prior to the exercise, we spent two months
polishing our ‘Commander’s Senior Staff and
Emergency Operations Center operations,’
and, although we will continue to refine our
processes, our command and control op-
erations proved vital in the success of this
exercise.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the
support we received from our local emer-
gency responders. I was truly impressed
with the joint participation we had among
El Paso County Hazmat, Colorado Spring Fire Department and the Colorado Springs
Airport Authority.

This exercise was hands down the largest
every exercise the 21st Space Wing has delivered in
over two years. Although the final report
is not complete at this time, I would like to
recognize some of our outstanding Airmen
that made this exercise a success.

Assistant Fire Chief Dave Reynolds co-
ordinated the scene, setting up two major
accidents and 55 role players. Mr. Reynolds
worked with the Colorado Springs Airport and
the city fire department to put on an
airplane crash involving both a commercial
and military aircraft. The following day, he
staged a tornado disaster scene that encom-
passed five vehicles and 21 role players. These
realistic exercise measures truly tested our
first responders and command and control
functions.

C 21ST SPACE WING
COMMANDER’S CORNER

By Col. Jay Raymond
21st Space Wing commander

Comments on ‘AFSPC Year of Leadership’

Tech Sgt. Christopher Wollenzin, Staff Sgt.
Candace Harden, and Airman First Class
Tess Foster did an outstanding job as role
players during both the airplane crash and
tornado exercise events. Their participation
perpetuated the sense of realism required to
simulate mass casualty events.

Finally, I would like to thank Senior Master
Sgt. Richard Bruno, of the 21st Security
Forces Squadron, for his stellar leadership
as a member of our “Commander’s Senior
Staff.” I had the privilege of working closely
with Sergeant Bruno throughout the exercise,
and I observed first-hand his tremendous
leadership. Finally, thanks to the multitude
of players who made this a worthwhile experi-
ence and to our tenants, who bore with us as
we took a critical look at our capabilities.

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AFSPC Command Chief: ‘Leadership is a contact sport’

By Ed White
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

The commander of Air Force Space Command recently announced a command-wide initiative called the “Year of Leadership.” AFSPC Public Affairs recently sat down with the AFSPC command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Todd Small, to talk about the initiative. The following are Chief Small’s candid responses.

Ed White (EW): “The AFSPC ‘Year of Leadership’ or YOL, begins in September, but will manifest themselves down the road in years to come.”

CS: “At the most fundamental levels, everything we do happens because of leadership. Nothing gets done in the United States Air Force without leadership. Nothing just happens of its own accord. It takes people focused on objectives with the appropriate resources, guidance, and intent to get work done. And, as a senior NCO, I know that in the Air Force, nothing gets done without NCO leadership, absolutely nothing. Every mission set that the Air Force pursues, from space to surface and all points in between, whether operational or support, or medical, nothing gets done in the Air Force without NCO leadership.

So, it is important to me, for our NCO corps especially, and our senior NCOs in particular, to pause as we work through these 12 months and reflect on their leadership impact. Look for opportunities to listen and learn where they can improve the way they lead, because in doing that, just a small lesson learned from a 12-month effort, cascading across generations of Airmen, can have a huge, huge impact.”

EW: “Why is YOL important to you?”

CS: “Leadership is a contact sport. It does not happen over electronics. It can’t come to an end at the mouse. You can not lead by e-mail. You can communicate and you may be able to guide people’s actions, but you cannot lead over e-mail. You have to be out there, face to face, in the interpersonal zones of the people you lead. That’s just how it works.”

EW: “Why are we going back to basics?”

CS: “Think, more than just back to basics, this is a reaffirmation or a reassurance that we understand those basic fundamentals. It lays out a philosophy. There are also some individual action items that we want to accomplish. Some of the goals are pretty clear. We want leaders out with those they lead. We want to find forums and create activities and opportunities for leadership to encounter their Airmen. I believe there is a great opportunity for hands-on leadership across the command when our leaders apportion time to focus on being out there with the Airmen. I see that as one of the activities we are going to ask their leaders to do.

This initiative is about providing opportunities for feedback interaction both inside and outside the work center, engaging across all the ranks, and it must include our senior leaders. So, I see activities. I see events. I see some outcomes. I also see a review of things that we are doing at all levels of responsibility. I hope this will establish some enduring practices that will go beyond twelve months, practices that will continue to improve our leadership capabilities and will improve our individual leaders.”

EW: “Are you talking about leading from the front? Are you trying to grow better leaders?”

CS: “Leadership from the front, leading by example; those are two fundamental tenets of leadership. But the Year of Leadership is absolutely about growing better leaders. And I think one of the outcomes of this will certainly be more aware, reinvigorated leaders who have something new in their kit. If it is nothing more than listening to a senior leader or a fellow wingman discussing an obstacle or a challenge they encountered and how they overcame the problem. Something like that can be inspirational for our Airmen when they encounter similar situations down the road.

Any time we can pause and reflect, think about leadership, focus on leadership, (and) get people’s attention on leadership, there are second and third order benefits from that effort, which may not be immediately apparent, but will manifest themselves down the road in years to come.”

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EW: “What is the most important YOL message we are conveying to the force?”

CS: “There is no leadership crisis. The reason we are doing YOL is to reaffirm and re-install the inner confidence of our Airmen, to reflect on the leadership abilities that we have, to improve them, to look across the spectrum of leadership as a subject and as an action, and to highlight, study, learn, and improve. (We are doing this) because, in Air Force Space Command we are stewards of the nuclear resource where perfection is the only acceptable standard in all aspects of that stewardship. We are also stewards of space capabilities, which have — not only national impact — they have global impact. So, reaffirming and evaluating, studying.

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**Calendar / Base Briefs**

**Thursday, Aug 28**

**Team Pete Promotion Ceremony**

The monthly Team Peterson Induction and Promotion Recognition Ceremony is at 3 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Peterson Museum. Members are encouraged to come out and congratulate the base’s newest petsites.

**Friday, Aug 29**

**MDG closure correction**

On page 8 of the Aug. 21 edition of the Space Observer, an inaccurate 21st Medical Group closure was published. The information should have read: The 21st Medical Group is closed Aug. 29 for an Air Force Space Command Family Day. Members in need of pharmacy support can visit the satellite pharmacy at the base exchange/commissary at Pete East. The 21st MDG reopens Sept. 2 for normal business. For questions about this closure, call Master Sgt. Darrell Norman at 556-1077. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Tuesday, Sep 2**

**Fitness and Sports Center to close briefly**

The Peterson Fitness and Sports Center (Bldg. 570) will close 8-10 a.m. Sept. 2. The closure is due to electricity meters being installed. For questions, call the front desk at 556-4462.

**Wednesday, Sep 3**

**Hispanic heritage planning meeting**

The 2008 Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee meets noon, Wednesday at the Peterson Air Force Base Club. Events planned for this year include a festival, luncheon and kids activities in the child development center. Members interested in helping should call Capt. Emmanuel Matos at 554-3131 or Master Sgt. Art Figueroa at 556-1604.

**POW/MIA revellie**

Revellie sounds at 7 a.m. Sept. 15 in remembrance of Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Day at Peterson Air Force Base. For information, call Master Sgt. David Pesch at 556-7568.

**Tuesday, Sep 16**

**POW/MIA ‘Operation Gate Guard’**

Operation Gate Guard, including members of the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Committee and Lions Club, will distribute literature at Peterson Air Force Base gates beginning at 6:15 a.m. Sept. 16 in Colorado. For more information, call Master Sgt. David Pesch at 556-7568.

**POW/MIA candle light vigil**

A candle light vigil is held for members who were Prisoners of War and Missing in Action at 7 a.m. Sept. 16 at the Peterson Air Force Base chapel in Colorado. For more information, call Master Sgt. David Pesch at 556-7568.

**Spouses club expo**

The Peterson Spouses Club present the Welcome Expo 2008 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Peterson Air Force Base Museum. Visitors can browse local vendors, meet other military spouses, win door prizes, join the Spouses club. Membership is free, no reservation required. For more information, visit www.petersonspousesclub.com.

**Wednesday, Sep 17**

**POW/MIA information at BX**

An informational table on the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action remembrance is available Sept. 17 at the Peterson Air Force Base, base exchange. POW/MIA information, posters and other items can be found there. For more information on this, call Master Sgt. David Pesch at 556-7568.

**Thursday, Sep 18**

**POW/MIA retreat**

A Prisoner of War/Missing in Action retreat is 9 a.m. Sept. 18 at the Peterson Air Force Base museum in Colorado. For more information, call Master Sgt. David Pesch at 556-7568.

**POW/MIA 24-hour run**

A Prisoner of War/Missing in Action 24-hour remembrance run begins at 9:15 a.m. Sept. 18 at the Peterson Air Force Base museum in Colorado. For more information, call Master Sgt. David Pesch at 556-7568.

**Friday, Sep 19**

**POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony**

A Prisoner of War/Missing in Action remembrance ceremony is 9 a.m. Sept. 19 at the Peterson Air Force Base chapel. The ceremony begins directly after the 24-hour remembrance run concludes with the posting of the POW/MIA colors, activities for the evening are Tech. Sgt. Charles Blaney, who was shot down and taken prisoner during World War II. For more information, call Master Sgt. David Pesch at 556-7568.

**Friday, Sep 26**

**Singles Retreat**

The Peterson Chapel sponsors a singles retreat at Quaker Ridge Sept. 26-27. Single Airmen (ages 18-30) are invited to attend. Activities include horseback riding, swimming, basketball, volleyball, low ropes course, soccer, hiking, disc golf, archery. The cost is $20. To sign up stop by the chapel main office. For more information, call Missy Qualle at 556-4442.

**Monday, Sep 29**

**EAP application submissions**

Applications are now being accepted for The Space Top 500’s Employee Assistance Program. The deadline for applications is Sept. 1. For information on the closure or for legal assistance. For more information on the closure or for legal assistance, call the front desk at 556-4462.

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**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

**New CAC/DEERS requirements**

The 21st Force Support Squadron Military Personnel Section is experiencing a slowdown in customer service for Common Access Card, or CAC, ID cards and loading to the DEERS system due to new Department of Defense requirements. Members should expect a 90-120 minute wait in the MPS lobby for these services. Two forms of ID are required to issue a CAC for all members, including retirees and dependents. Details regarding CAC requirements also require the MPS to scan original documents into the personnel system for all dependent enrollments. For information, call Roxanne Brennan at 556-0007.

**Proper wear of cell phones and PDAs**

Members are reminded that all devices, to include pagers, cellular phones and personal digital assistants, must conform to the following Air Force Instruction 36-2983 guidelines: All devices must be solid in color or covered in black, silver, dark blue, or gray, and must be conservative. Device may be clipped to the left side of the waistband or purse or carried in left hand. Only one device may be worn on the uniform belt. Members will not walk in uniform while using cell phones, radios, or hands-free headsets unless required in the performance of official duties or as a government issued device. (This information is filed under Table 2.6, Item 10)

**Legal office closure**

The 21st Space Wing Legal Office is closed 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays beginning Friday July 31 for training sessions. Members are encouraged to coordinate with the legal office ahead of time for legal assistance. For the closure of legal assistance, call Tech. Sgt. Sherri Eden at 556-4871.
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21 (PG-13)
7 p.m. Wednesday, September 3 and 7
PG-13 for some violence and sexual content, including partial nudity.

The Chronicles of Narnia 2 (PG)
8 p.m. Friday, September 5
PG for epic battle action and violence.

Leadership:

From page 5

and learning from, and improving our leadership capabilities can have a global impact.

Well beyond the fence lines of Air Force Space Command, well beyond the fence lines of the United States Air Force, there are our Allies who rely on us when we talk about our nuclear mission set. Our nuclear capability, the land-based nuclear deterrent, is the ultimate backstop to our national security.

“If you look at the space capabilities that this command delivers, creating unprecedented and unparalleled effects in the battlespace we are fighting in today, the potential benefits derived from focusing on our leadership for the next year just really defy estimation.”

The Year of Leadership is a top-down-driven effort to ensure that leaders at all levels are taking ownership, enforcing the standards of operation and demanding accountability for themselves and those they lead. The genesis of the effort is the knowledge that the impact of individual leadership cascades across generations of Airmen, influencing those who serve today and the way they will lead the Air Force in the future. It is about the continuous self- and professional development required to maintain Air Force Space Command leaders at the highest levels of proficiency and effectiveness.

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21st Force Support Squadron Assistant Manager Larry Mullis announced recently that bowling play will be suspended at the facility through Sept. 3 while new pinspotters are installed, along with new pins and new house balls.

"The new equipment will help improve the quality of play for our customers," Mr. Mullis said. "With new pinspotters, pins, and house balls, our customers will enjoy better bowling days."

The Strike Zone Café, the Bowling Center's snack bar, remains open for business during this time. Through the Labor Day weekend, the Café is closed Aug. 30 — Sept. 1, but reopens at 11 a.m., Sept. 2.

"I'm looking forward to a good intramural bowling season," Mr. Mullis said. "Because the Bowling Center will resize to 12 lanes, there will be three intramural leagues this year, each limited to 12 teams."

Leagues will play at 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Members who missed the organizational meeting for intramural bowling can still pick up a registration form at the Bowling Center or call 556-4067.

The Bowling Center, Bldg. 406, is on Ent Blvd. between the Fitness and Sports and Aquatic Centers.
21st Force Support Squadron - Recreation and Leisure events for September

Holiday Hours — Sept. 1 — Labor Day The Labor Day weekend includes Friday, August 29, a Family Day. The 21SS activities will be open for their normal hours of operation unless designated otherwise.

Aero Club — Office closed Sept. 1

Aquatic Center — Closed Sept. 1

Aragon Dining — Open Sept. 1: brunch 6 a.m.-1 p.m. and supper 4:30-6 p.m.

Arts & Crafts — Closed Aug. 30, Sept. 1

Auto Hobby Center — Closed Aug. 31, Sept. 1

Bowling Center Snack Bar — Closed Aug. 30, Aug. 31, Sept. 1 (Bowling play suspended until Sept. 4)

CDC, Annex & Main — Closed Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1

Family Child Care — Office closed Sept. 1

Fitness Center — Open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Aug. 29 — Sept. 1

ITT — Closed Aug. 31, Sept. 1

Library — Closed Sept. 1

Outdoor Recreation — Closed Aug. 31, Sept. 1

Pikes Peak Lodge — Open 24/7. Loan/Exchange closed Sept. 1

Silver Spruce Golf Course — Open normal hours. Course championship concludes Sept. 1.

The Club — Closed Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1 (Bingo moved to Tues., Sept. 2)

Youth Center — Closed Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1

Leisure Programs

Information, Tickets and Travel offers trips to interesting local and regional attractions. Most are day trips, but there’s an overnight trip tucked in the list on occasion.

Registrations must be made no later than five days in advance. Anyone age 15 or younger must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and reservations, call 556-1760 or 556-1764.

Here’s what’s coming up in September.

Sept. 6 — Colorado Rockies Game, $35. The Colorado Rockies play the Houston Astros. Depart PAFB 4:30 p.m. Cost includes transportation and ticket.

Sept. 10 — Quilt Shop Hopping, $5. Crafters unite for a full-day shop browsing, shopping and sharing of ideas.

We will head to Denver first and stop in Colorado Springs quilt shops on the return if there is time. Want to go to your favorite quilt shop? Put in a special request when you register. Depart PAFB 8 a.m.; return 6 p.m. Cost includes transportation.

Sept. 13 — Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, $19 adult, $17 senior, $12 age 3-11, $5 age 2 and younger. America’s only mountain zoo. The 146-acre zoo houses 550 animals representing 119 species, and includes rides such as the Mountaineer Sky Ride, carousel, Shongololo Choo Choo, pony rides, and stroller rentals for additional fees. Depart PAFB 8 a.m.; return 4 p.m. Cost includes transportation, zoo entry and tram.

Sept. 14 — Colorado Rapids Soccer Game, $35. Support the Rapids Soccer team again the Chicago Fire during the El Grito Celebration & Hispanic Heritage Night. Depart PAFB 10:30 a.m. Cost includes transportation and game ticket.)

Sept. 20 — Gaming in Black Hawk and Central City, $10. We’ll visit numerous casinos in historic Central City and nearby Black Hawk, the former mining camps that lured folks West. Depart PAFB 8 a.m.; returns 5:30 p.m. Cost for transportation. Note: Must be 21 years of age to do any gaming in the casinos.

Sept. 24 — Outlet Mall at Castle Rock, $5. Take a day off and go shopping without the weekend crowds. Departs PAFB 11:30 a.m.; returns 5 p.m. Cost is for transportation.

Sept. 27 — Seven Falls, $14 adult, $10 ages 6-15, $5 ages 5 and younger. A 224-step stairway leads to a beautiful nature trail where you can hike to Midnight Falls and continue on to experience breathtaking views of the city and the Great Plains from Inspiration Point. Or ride the in-mountain elevator blasted 14 stories straight up through solid Pikes Peak granite to Eagles Nest Lookout. Departs PAFB 10 a.m.; returns 5 p.m. Cost includes transportation and ticket.

Sept. 28 — Denver Zoo, $14 adult, $12 age 65+; $10 age 3-11, $5 age 2 and younger. The Denver Zoo is home to nearly 4,000 animals representing more than 700 species. Departs PAFB 9 a.m.; returns 5 p.m. Cost includes transportation and ticket.

Make plans now for an overnight trip in October...

Oct. 12-16 — National Parks and Bike Tour in Moab, Utah, 8219-$289/person. We’ll tour Arches and Canyonlands National Parks along with other attractions in and near Moab. Guided mountain bike tours each day with trails for both novice and experienced riders. Or venture out on your own (do a Google search for Moab). Cabins are located in gated area with laundry facilities, bike wash area, BBQ, cable TV, mini fridge, playground, hot tub and a swimming pool (www.moaivalleys.com). Must register for this trip no later than Oct. 6. Earlier your reservation, the better your rate. A pre-trip meeting is 5:30 p.m. Oct. 6 at U.S.A.F. ODR Center. Call 556-4867 or 556-7753 for more information and to register.

Air Force Arts and Crafts Gallery Showcase

The AF Services Agency presents the Air Force Arts and Crafts Gallery Showcase, featuring artwork and photography created by talented airmen, family members, and DoD civilians. Individuals who have a knack for artistry, craftsmanship and photography may submit their work to the Peterson AFB Arts and Crafts Center by October 31. To view the 2008-2009 guidelines for the Air Force Gallery Showcase, please stop by the Arts and Crafts Center, Bldg. 640, or go to www.airforcegallery.com.

Outdoor Recreation — 556-4867 or 556-7753

September programs:

2,17 Indoor Rock Climbing Class.
6,20 Outdoor Rock Climbing Class.
12-13 Kayak Class, $35. Pool session 9/12; river session 9/13. All gear provided.
26-27 Kayak Class, $35. Pool session 9/26; river session 9/27. All gear provided.
28 Mountain Bike Trip, Bear Creek Park. For more information or to make reservations, call 556-4867 or 556-7753.

Advance Notice — Outdoor Rec will have a big ski sale Friday, Oct. 17! You’ll find sweet prices on good equipment. Save $5 when you shop our ski sale! Advance Notice — Equipment reservations for the ski seminar.

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season begin Saturday, October 25. Reserve your skies and snowboards early so you can pick them up November 1. Season rentals include: Brand New! Season rentals on Hyde Ski Racks: skies, snowboards.

Fitness Center — 556-4482
Sept. 2-5 — Flag Football Tournament, 5-8 p.m.
Sept. 10-12 — Singles Racquetball Tournament, 11 a.m.-
1 p.m.
Sept. 19 — POW/MIA 5k/10k Run, 11:30 a.m.
Sept. 23 — A 1.5 Mile Race, 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 1-3 — Inline Hockey Tournament, 5-8 p.m.

Auto Hobby — 556-4481
Save $2 off tire rotation in September. Work performed by Auto Hobby Center personnel. Call 556-4481 to make your appointment.

Library — 556-7462
Storytime every Wednesday at 10:15 a.m.

Movie Night — 556-8383
See movies galore on base... all for free! The popcorn and soda are free, too! See recent releases at the Base Auditorium next to the chapel. Films are shown Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 1 and 7 p.m. For a schedule of upcoming movies — complete with synopses and ratings, go to www.21fs.com and click on What’s Hot Now.

Worldwide Day Of Play
Get up. Get out. Get playing.
Kids of all ages across the country will be walking away from the computer mouse and going outside for the Worldwide Day of Play Saturday, September 13. The goal is to have kids throughout the world gather in parks and on playgrounds to, well, play — engage in healthy, fun outdoor activities. Even the children’s television network, Nickleodeon, will “go dark” on air to encourage kids to get up, go out and play.

The RP Lee Youth Center will participate in Worldwide Day of Play with special fun events from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.Sept. 13 in Patriot Park, located on the north side of the Youth Center. Events will include a Kids Sports Zone: obstacle courses, relay races, track and field events, gymnastics demonstrations, and stations for kids to log on to Fit Factor during the day. There will be refreshments, too. Come on over to our backyard and play awhile. We think you’ll like it.

For more information, please call 556-7220.

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Members of the 21st Space Wing weren’t the only ones participating in Peterson’s massive Condor Crest exercise Aug 18-21. On Aug. 20, Peterson’s fire department worked with the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office, the Colorado Springs Airport and the Colorado Springs Fire Department to conduct a joint nighttime exercise. All four agencies worked together to respond to a simulated mid-air collision that created two “crash” sites on the north end of the base.

While the agencies train and consult with each other on a regular basis, this was the first large-scale exercise they had collaborated on since May 2007, said Dave Reynolds, Peterson’s assistant fire chief. Overall, the agencies did well, and anything that didn’t work will be used as teaching points for the future, which is the purpose of these exercises, he said.

“We’re all going to walk away better able to respond if something like this does happen,” Mr. Reynolds said.

Regular joint exercises between the agencies are important not only to work out kinks but also to develop joint response procedures, Mr. Reynolds said. While emergency agencies all follow general safety and response codes, they can be interpreted in a variety of ways — leaving departments with drastically different guidelines and standard operating procedures.

“Exercises like this help us look at how to make our procedures work together, so when we respond to something like this, it goes smoothly,” he said. “All our departments are efficient on their own, but by working together we make our operations better on both sides.”

Fire department and Colorado Springs responders practice together

**‘CONDOR CREST’ WRAPS UP AT PETERSON**

Quick reaction forces from the 21st Security Forces Squadron plan their next move while searching for a simulated suspect Aug. 20 during Condor Crest 08-05 events at Peterson Air Force Base. The week-long exercise encompassed several scenarios that challenged Airmen. The scenarios included an intruder on base, severe weather inflicted damage on the base and simulated aircraft accidents.

An explosives ordnance disposal robot during Condor Crest 08-05 events at Peterson Air Force Base. The scenarios included an intruder on base, severe weather inflicted damage on the base and simulated aircraft accidents.

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Firefighters assigned to the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection flight battle a simulated cargo aircraft fire Aug. 18 during Condor Crest 08-05 events at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. The week-long exercise encompassed several scenarios that challenged Airmen. The scenarios included an intruder on base, severe weather inflicted damage on the base and simulated aircraft accidents.
Emergency responders from the 21st Space Wing take off in response to a call for assistance Aug. 18 during Condor Crest 08-05 events at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. The week-long exercise encompassed several scenarios that challenged Airmen. The scenarios included an intruder on base, severe weather inflicted damage on the base and simulated aircraft accidents.

Capt. Lombardo advises a security forces Airmen as they search for a simulated suspect Aug. 20 during Condor Crest 08-05 events at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. The week-long exercise encompassed several scenarios that challenged Airmen. The scenarios included an intruder on base, severe weather inflicted damage on the base and simulated aircraft accidents. Captain Lombardo and the Airman are assigned to the 21st Security Forces Squadron.

An explosives ordnance disposal member moves toward a simulated suspicious package to remove it from a scene Aug. 20 during Condor Crest 08-05 events at Peterson Air Force Base. The week-long exercise encompassed several scenarios that challenged Airmen.

An Airman ensures proper compliance of cargo shipments Aug. 18 during Condor Crest 08-05 events at Peterson Air Force Base. The week-long exercise encompassed several scenarios that challenged Airmen. The scenarios included an intruder on base, severe weather inflicted damage on the base and simulated aircraft accidents.
Extended Duty Care (EDC) — This provides services beyond the standard 50 hours of care that families are already purchasing in child care programs on or off base. It is designed to help a family that need more care because they have to work longer hours, evenings, weekends, and are experiencing a temporary shift change. EDC hours cannot be used for substitute care if they are needed to support extended duty hours.

The Club — 556-4181

Club Membership Drives Great Prizes

Here are nine great reasons to join The Club during its current membership drive. And don’t forget FREE dues for the first six months!

Prize drawings for:
1, 2 — $25 iTunes Gift Card
3, 4, 5 — $50 Best Buy Gift Card (5)
6 — $714 value Newstar 50cc Moped (Black) (1)
7 — $714 value Newstar 50cc Moped (Silver) (1)
8 — $2,000 Airline voucher
9 — A four-night, three-day vacation at Keystone Resort (through Rocky Mountain Blue) — 1 for AFSPC extended duty hours.

You can enter twice per day with your club card on the back of the receipt. Members must write their name and last four numbers of their club card on the back of the receipt. The drawing for the prizes will be held mid-October at The Club. Watch for the date and time.

The current membership drive ends October 15, 2008. For more specials and membership information, call The Club, 556-4181.

Dinner & Entertainment Events:

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Grill Your Own Steak Night, $5-$7.
Grill marinated chicken breast, flat iron steak, vegetable kabobs, hamburger or rib eye steak, 4-7 p.m.
Sept. 5 Friday Night Dinner Special — Smoked Prime Rib, $13.95 members, $16.95 non-members. 5:30-8 p.m.
Sept. 5 Doug Hulstine Performing. 5-9 p.m., main lounge, The Club.
Sept. 6 UFC 88 Live on PPV. Doors open 5 p.m.; fight televised 8 p.m., Stripes Pub.
Sept. 7 Sunday brunch, $13.95/$14.95 with glass of champagne (members), $15.95/$16.95 with glass of champagne (non-members). 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. First and third Sunday of the month.
Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 Football Frenzy. Doors open 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 Monday Night Football. 6:30 p.m., Stripes Pub.
Sept. 2, 7, 14, 21, 28 Bingo. 6 p.m.
Sept. 12 Dick Cunico Performing. 5-9 p.m., main lounge, The Club.
Sept. 18 Mongolian Lunch Buffet, $7.95 members, $9.95 non-members. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Sept. 19 Friday Night Dinner Special — 2-for-1 Prime Rib Buffet, $25 for two people. 5:30-8 p.m.
Sept. 19 Skip Moore Performing. 5-9 p.m., main lounge, The Club.
Sept. 19 Kenny G Performing. 4:30-8:30 p.m., Stripes Pub.
Sept. 21 Sunday brunch. $12.95/$13.95 with glass of champagne (members), $15.95/$16.95 with glass of champagne (non-members). 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. First and third Sunday of the month.
Sept. 24 Club Membership Appreciation Lunch Buffet, $6 members, $9.95 non-members.
Sept. 25 Taco & Fajita Night, $3 members, $5 non-members. 5-7 p.m.
Sept. 26 National Pancake Day Breakfast, $2 members, $5 non-members. All you care to eat of our light, fluffy pancakes, plus fruit toppings and flavored syrups. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Sept. 26 Live Maine Lobster Night, $19.95 members, $22.95 non-members. A 1 ¼ lb live Maine lobster, baked potato or rice pilaf, vegetable medley, salad bar and rolls. 5:30-8 p.m. RSVP by 24 Sept. to 574-4100.
Sept. 26 Doug Hulstine Performing. 5-9 p.m., main lounge.

Aero Club — 556-4310

Take off! The Aero Club is offering welcome flights to new personnel for only $25 for a half-hour flight. (Normal cost is $109!) If you attended FTAC or Right Start in June, July or August 2008, you qualify for a $45 discount. Call 556-4310 for details.

Bowling Center — 556-4607

Bowling play is suspended through Wed., September 17 and resumes September 19. The weekly team, women’s and men’s divisions will contest the last week of the 11-week season.

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- Minamint Castle
- Pikes Peak Cog Railway

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SPACE OBSERVER
Thursday, August 24, 2008

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A new equipment is being installed. However, the Strike Zone Café will remain open, so stop by for lunch. The Bowling Center will reopen for bowling action Thurs., Sept. 4, with brand new pinspotters, new pins and new house balls. Try out the new stuff!

Call 556-4607.

Bowling Intramurals — The upcoming intramural bowling season will have three leagues, 12 teams each, as the Bowling Center will rotate to 12 lanes. If you missed the August 21 meeting but want to bowl, stop by for a sign-up sheet or call Larry at 556-4607.

Silver Spruce Golf Course — 556-7414

Aug. 29 — Sept. 1 — Course championship

Sept. 6 — Junior Golf/Clinic Tournament, 7 a.m. shotgun, 9 holes only

Sept. 12 — NORAD 50th Anniversary Golf Tournament; 8 a.m. shotgun

Sept. 14 — General Remnant’s Couples Fun Day, 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 15-16 — Aerating the greens; only 9 holes open for play

Sept. 21 — Full hours start: Course 8 a.m.-dark, pro shop 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; 19th Hole Grill 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; driving range 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Sept. 22 — Weekday tee times no longer required beginning today.

Ongoing — PGA league every Thursday morning

Ongoing — ODR league every Wednesday in September (playing Sept. 5 instead of Sept. 3)

Ongoing — Sandbagger league every Thursday, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Family Adventure Days

Hosted by USAF Academy ORC, Peterson ODR, Fort Carson ITR.

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 12 and 13

Farish Recreation Area

An adventure-filled weekend of activities: archery, mountain biking, geo-caching, hiking, canoeing, hunter safety, horseback riding, fishing, stargazing, paddleboats, bounce house, raffle, and more. Some activities are guided or you can check out gear and head out on your own.

Check in 5-7 p.m. Friday at the Farish conference center, set up camp, and sign up for activities on Saturday. A campfire orientation meeting with snacks is at 7 p.m. at the barn.

Meals include campfire-type snacks Friday night; breakfast, lunch, dinner and Friday night; breakfast, lunch, dinner and Saturday, breakfast on Sunday.

Cost is $80 adults, $40 ages 6-16, children age 5 and younger are free. Cost includes activity fees, SAG support, meals and shuttle between events.

Lodging ranges from $30 for dry tent sites w/o electricity but with fire pit and picnic table up to $90/$140 for lodge rooms with bunk beds, queen bed, and either private bath or share bath, plus a fire pit and picnic table. Camping equipment is available for rent at ODR.

Pick up a flyer at Peterson’s Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 675. For more information and reservations, call ODR at 556-4867 or 556-7753.
Peterson hosts Ammunition Bowl Family Reunion softball tourney

By Walt Johnson

Usually they’re serving the nation by making sure bombs and bullets are ready for full deployment. However, the only bombs ammunition Airmen from the western region of the U.S. were concerned with were the ones “exploding” over the Peterson sports complex Aug. 15-17 as the 23rd Ammunition Bowl softball tournament took place here.

The Ammunition Bowl softball tournament is more than just a chance to play softball for this group of individuals. These Airmen tend to face danger and death on an almost daily basis, whether the country is at peace or war in the routine daily duties it carries out. The ammunition career field is truly one job where the slightest lack of attention to detail can be catastrophic for the members of the unit and the people who depend on them to support them with munitions.

For this reason, the ammunition community may be one of the tightest knit communities in the Air Force, according Edward Meyerhofer, who is assigned to Air Force Space Command headquarters here. To show just how tightly knit the community is, Peterson hosted this year’s tournament, including all the logistics necessary to make it work. Although it did not have a team playing in the tournament, Mr. Meyerhofer said you only have to be in the ammunition community to understand why he and his committee members would take on this task with no team in the flight.

“This is the 23rd annual western regional Ammo bowl softball tournament,” Mr. Meyerhofer said. “We have players from about 15 different bases in the west, and we have 10 teams competing in this year’s tournament. Some teams have combined because of mission requirements that would not have allowed them to field a team from their home installation. The Ammo community has always been one of the tightest knit communities in the Air Force, according to Mr. Meyerhofer. He said spreading how Peterson got involved with hosting, and it’s not an easy undertaking, Mr. Meyerhofer said. The tournament usually travels around to different bases in the west region, though the winning teams wanted to go to another base to play it. That’s why the tournament was started at Nellis AFB in Nevada. After a few years they said whoever won the tournament can take it. Davis-Monthan won it for the past two years, but this year no one wanted to go to the hot weather in Arizona. So we volunteered to put it on here even though we didn’t have a team playing in the tournament. The funny part is we have about five teams that said they would prefer to have the tournament here every year. As a tournament director, I don’t think it’s that great an idea, but this is about the ammo family. If someone gets hurt while playing, everyone will take the time to come and see how he is doing. It’s like no other community I have ever been a part of.”

A runner eludes a tag attempt from the Davis-Monthan catcher during action at the 23rd annual Ammo Bowl tournament held at Peterson.
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