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Loan closet available to Schriever community

Did you know the Schriever Airman & Family Readiness Center Loan Closet is available to anyone working on Schriever? The loan closet is a free service providing common household items for use during PCS moves to or from Schriever. Now there is no need to go without before your household goods arrive, or when your household items are packed and shipped. For more information, please contact Heidi Tintle at 567-3920.

Smooth Move/Going Overseas briefing

Smooth Move/Going Overseas briefing is for military members, Department of Defense civilians, and their families. This brief, March 24 at 8 a.m., is designed to help reduce the stress and confusion often associated with moving. Information provided during Smooth Move will include briefings from the Finance Office, JPSSO, TRICARE, Airman and Family Readiness Center, and legal briefing. We will include going overseas to address the unique needs of those doing a permanent change of station to overseas locations. Individual appointments are available if you are unable to attend and need information on your new location. The class is at the Airman & Family Readiness Center Bldg. T-65. Call the A&FRC at 567-3920 to sign up.

SCHRIEVER RESERVE UNIT CELEBRATES 10 YEARS IN SPACE

Col. Karen Rizzuti, 10th Air Force vice commander, speaks to an audience of current and past members of the 19th Space Operations Squadron during their 10th anniversary celebration Feb. 4 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort.

SSA enhanced thanks to new 1 SOPS mission

By Scott Prater
Schriever Sentinel

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The following real-life events with real individuals from Schriever Air Force Base are to inform you of crimes, accidents, and events involving Schriever members. The following entries are selected from hundreds recorded in the Schriever Police Blotter.

“Editor’s note: Although the Schriever Sentinel staff may take light of some Blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional Security Forces treat each incident seriously.

Regular or Extra Crispy?
A long day of work, who doesn’t like to come home to a nice home cooked meal? You walk in the door, the smell of fried chicken fills the house. You relax knowing you don’t have to do anything but sit back and enjoy what has been prepared. Okay, now back to reality…this is Law and Order after all. All the good intentions were in place for the aforementioned to happen, however, it was in the execution where things went south quickly. Let’s break it down. Chicken…check. Pan filled with hot oil…check. Chicken frying in the oil on the stove…check. Kids…oops, got to run down to the bus stop to get them. Hmmm…well, it will only take a minute, the chicken should be fine. Wrong answer. Sports fans? In the few minutes it took Schriever’s Julia Child to make it to the bus stop, the hot oil reached ignition temperature…and you guessed it, blast off! Upon returning to the residence, they were greeted with the sound of a blazing smoke alarm and the smell of burning oil, chicken, cabinets, microwave…well, you get the picture. And, to further complicate the matter…in stead of calling 911, the member called his sponsor at work. The occupant was able to extinguish the fire, utilizing the fire extinguisher under the sink; however, the damage wasn’t pretty. The Fire Department arrived on scene and ensured all was safe. Bottom line folks, never…and I mean never…leave an attended food cooking on the stove, regardless of the duration. Bad things can and usually do happen. Also, in an emergency, and yes…if your house is on fire, microwave is melting, stovetop smoldering, it is an emergency…CALL 911!! The sooner our first responders can get on scene, the better it is for all involved. After all, our new housing area is pretty nice; we would like to keep it that way for a while longer.

Knock, Knock. Who’s There?
Ah, the age old joke. Someone knocks, you say “Who’s there?” They come back with a reply which elicits a comeback of “Who?” the punch line is delivered, and hilarity ensues. Well, as much hilarity as a knock knock joke can achieve. In this case, another type of punch line was delivered. A military member was at his residence when the doorbell rang. Upon answering the door, the occupant was treated to a punch line delivered with such force that it left a mark on the nose. The assailant fled the scene while our victim had to be transported to a local hospital for treatment of a broken nose. The Sheriff’s Office managed to track down our merry joker and he was subsequently charged with a third degree felony assault. Word to the wise, if someone knocks on your door or rings the doorbell, don’t be so quick to answer. Take some normal security precautions. Look through the peep hole, or engage the chain and ascertain who is outside your door before opening it. If you don’t have these basic security devices, a trip to the local hardware store might be a wise choice for you. These small steps can go a long way to protect you and your family. It doesn’t mean to have secure your neighborhood is, we all need to do our part to protect ourselves and our loved ones.
Mentorship is one of the key tenants we rely on to help develop our most important resource, our people. For officers, mentorship usually means finding a trusted supervisor or commander with whom you can discuss how to improve your personal performance, how to further develop your leadership skills and how best to position yourself to be more competitive for leadership opportunities, including promotions, when they come your way.

As a young lieutenant and captain, I clearly remember the mentoring sessions I had with more senior captains and majors where it was clearly explained to me what I needed to do if I wanted to be competitive to advance. These sessions were often followed by similar discussions with my peers to compare what I was told with what they had heard in a similar mentoring session. While the advice was never exactly the same, there were common themes and “rules of the road” which began to emerge.

However, during my time here back in the wing, I have often found myself scratching my head wondering if our young officers today are prepared themselves to be competitive to advance. These sessions were often followed by similar discussions with my peers to compare what I was told with what they had heard in a similar mentoring session. While the advice was never exactly the same, there were common themes and “rules of the road” which began to emerge.

While there is no cookbook or checklist to follow to ensure you have a strong record, the following “rules of the road” will help to ensure you do not put yourself at a disadvantage when the next opportunity for a leadership position or promotion comes about.

**Commentary by Col. Michael Mason**

50th Space Wing Vice Commander

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Parents share invaluable knowledge at special-needs luncheon

By Scott Prater
Schriever Sentinel

For parents of special-needs children, even life's smallest details can create unmanageable situations.

Tasks that most people find routine like: communicating with school administrators, obtaining a diagnosis from a doctor, or arranging for transportation, can evolve into complicated issues, involving large, diverse groups of people and organizations.

Add the mobile nature of a professional military career into the mix and it's easy to see how hectic life can be for Air Force members who also happen to be parents of a special-needs child.

By the request of an on-base parent, Schriever’s Airman and Family Readiness Center hosted a Brown-Bag Luncheon for Parents of Special Needs Children Feb. 25 at the Harrington Vista Community Center.

“We are in a position where we are supposed to be providing services and resources for these people,” said Nancy Seckman, Schriever Airman and Family Readiness Center, community readiness consultant.

“We want to get as close to the mark as possible, and the best way to do that is to have parents tell us what they need and what they want. After all, they are the experts.”

Many Air Force bases around the globe have hired Exceptional Family Member Program coordinators, but here at Schriever the task is performed by members of the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

“I let people know up front, assisting parents of special-needs children is not my specialty,” Ms. Seckman said. “However, I tell them they’ll have my full attention and that I’ll do everything in my power to get them the resources or people or services they need.”

The brown-bag luncheon was designed to allow parents to voice their needs, create an environment for people to meet each other and help parents find out what resources exist in the community.

Ms. Seckman invited a few representatives from local resource agencies to interact, explain their programs and offer advice and tips to attendees.

“Having Marsha Unruh from The Resource Exchange was especially helpful,” said Doris Willis, mother of a special-needs son who is nearing adulthood. “The fact that she could guide us in the direction we needed to go was extremely beneficial. She was able to tell us what resources to focus on for the various age levels we represented.”

Attendees ran the gamut, from mother-to-be to parents of young adults. Issues were wide and varied as well.

“Having the expert guest speakers from the various agencies is the best resource these type of meetings can provide,” Ms. Willis said.

But Ms. Seckman figures the experts are the parents themselves. And that a few of them gained some benefit from not only airing their needs but by providing answers to their fellow attendees.

“More than a few points in the meeting; a parent would say they were looking for a specific program or service and then Ms. Unruh or another parent would jump in and say, ‘You need to go here, or call this person or attend this class,’” she said. “The purpose of this meeting was for us to find out their needs, but in the mean time a bunch of networking started happening and they actually began learning solutions to some of their needs.”

Throughout the two hour luncheon, parents shared their experiences, sought help with their fellow attendees.

Attendees conversed about how laws and agencies who serve special needs children change drastically from state to state and how, as members and retirees of the military, navigating those agencies and laws represents a large portion of the struggles of everyday life.

“Sharing our stories was enlightening,” Ms. Willis said. “It let us see that we’re not in this situation alone and that there are others experiencing the same stress and concerns we experience. Really, it allows open communication and allows us to pass on vital information and share some of the hurdles we’ve already experienced, so that families can avoid some of the pitfalls some of us have already gone through.”

Ms. Seckman said she was pleased with the turnout, the discussion, the advice and information shared by resource representatives and the input provided by attendees. She plans to host more meetings for parents of special needs in the near future and hopes to announce a quarterly routine for the event.

“We learned quite a bit,” she said. “This meeting reinforced my belief that people need help with individual education plans, the local schools create for children with special needs, and that people need more information on finding respite care for the children, so they can catch a much-needed break once in a while.”

Parents of special needs children at Schriever and in the local community are encouraged to contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 567-3920 to learn more about resources, services and information offered at the center.
First lady, Dr. Biden to launch military family awareness campaign

By Tech. Sgt. John Orrell
National Guard Bureau

WASHINGTON — Dr. Jill Biden and first lady Michelle Obama will campaign to raise awareness of military families, the vice president's wife told spouses of National Guard adjutants general Feb. 28.

"In the coming weeks, we are going to be launching a formal campaign," said Dr. Biden, who hosted the spouses for breakfast at the vice president's residence here.

"We're going to reach out to all Americans," she said. "Michelle and I are going to go on a tour around the country to create this mass-media awareness, so that the 99 percent of Americans who are not serving can now serve the one percent who are.

"And the first lady will travel the country encouraging Americans to join these efforts, she said. "Over the last couple of years, Michelle and I have been traveling all around the country talking to families," she said. "We've brought our stories back to the White House, and now the president and the cabinet are going to act on it."

Dr. Biden, whose son Beau just returned from a year-long deployment to Iraq with the Delaware National Guard, has dedicated herself to bringing awareness of "military families' strength and courage, as well as the challenges that they face," she said.

"I am a Blue Star mom," she said. "I will always remember the mixture of pride and concern that I felt about (Beau's) deployment," Dr. Biden said. "I feel like we're all family, all of us together. We share the same concerns, anxieties and sense of duty and pride that comes along with being military family."

With thousands of Citizen-Airmen and Soldiers serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other regions of the world and almost half the nation's military strength residing in the National Guard and Reserve, you all have been a source of strength, relieving some of the burden of stress on loved ones left behind," Dr. Biden said. "Don't underestimate the impact that you all have," he said.

"I watched the impact on Jill when our son was deployed," Army Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, during Beau's deployment ceremony.

"I would walk in every morning into the kitchen, and I would see Jill mouthing this prayer," he said. "It's truly a personal gift of kindness."

"When Jane sat beside me and handed me that prayer, that prayer meant so much to me, it was such a wonderful gesture of kindness," she said.

"When I meet families who are being deployed, I try to pass that along, that act of kindness, because I know as a military mom how much that meant to me."

Dr. Biden encouraged people to visit www.serve.gov or contact her office and share how they're supporting those who serve.

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the harsh climate of space for seven years and perform its mission for more than five.

"Thus far, we've been in the driver's seat and had 1 SOPS in the passenger seat," Colonel Smith said during a ceremony to commemorate the transfer of satellite control authority to 1 SOPS. "Today we pulled over and swapped seats — and we're with you all the way."

Col. Wayne Montieh, 50th Space Wing commander, views the operational SBSS as a very successful partnership between 14th Air Force and the Space and Missile Systems Center.

"It took dedicated effort from everyone to ensure this transfer went off," he said. "I can't thank the men and women of SMC enough for providing the capability to bring this system into the operational fold. This is pretty darn cool; bringing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance vehicle to Air Force Space Command and being on the cutting edge of the future of where this command is going. This is a momentous day, and it's really the beginning of the rest of the story as we take operational acceptance and bring this to full operational warfighting capability."

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By Maj Gen Michael J. Basla
Vice Commander Air Force Space Command

PETTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — In Air Force Space Command our mission is to provide advanced space-based systems for the nation's warfighting, communications, intelligence, and navigation needs. Many of the space systems we field require significant renewable energy to be effective. In 2017, AFSPC consumed over 4.1 TWh of energy. As we look to the future, AFSPC must manage energy security and decreasing our foreign dependency as a priority. The Air Force is committed to reducing energy consumption through climate change efforts and by being good stewards of the environment. A key element of these efforts is moving to renewable energy. Today, DoD is also establishing goals for base-generated renewable energy to be 25 percent of base consumption by the year 2025. Additionally, the Air Force is engaged with DoD and the Department of Energy to define, develop, and implement new energy installations — to have this renewable energy on our installations. The first pillar is “Improve Current Infrastructure.” This pillar focuses on improving existing infrastructure and making changes to our current facilities, vehicles, and equipment. An example for this would be ensuring that all new facility and mission upgrades or new system developments have the latest energy-saving devices, operating systems, and efficiencies incorporated in the design and construction. Pillar number three is “Expand Renewables.” This pillar promotes the development of renewable and alternative energy use in facilities, ground vehicles, and equipment. Examples of renewable and alternative energy types include those from solar, wind, biomass, and geothermal sources; these can be used for facilities. Projects that help to diversify our energy supplies, posturing us for increased energy security. Other examples of renewable and alternative energy include biofuel, hydrogen, and solar-charging, for use in vehicles. The unit performs launch, on-orbit, and disposal operations. The 19 SOPS provides position, navigation, and anomaly resolution, and disposal operations of the GPS constellation, and provides 24-hour, highly accurate navigation, timing, and nuclear detonation information to us- ers worldwide. It provides both an operational and strategic reserve capability by supporting daily operations while simultaneously maintaining a substantial call-up force. The 19 SOPS provides position, navigation, and timing expertise to national command authorities for Defense Support to Civil Authority functions, and navigation warfare planning and operations expertise to combatant commanders world-wide.

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Celebrates

family environment.” The ceremony’s guest speaker, 10th Air Force Vice Commander and the first 19 SOPS commander Col. Karen Rizzuti, provided a nostalgic look at the humble beginnings and accomplishments of the past decade, including the numerous personal and unit awards bestowed on 19 SOPS, as well as the bright future ahead of the squadron. “It was a really exciting event for 19 SOPS,” said Colonel Rizzuti. “It was a great celebration of a whole decade of excellence. They have forged an incredible relationship with 2 SOPS and have had a lot of successes.” Colonel Rizzuti added that the accomplishments of 19 SOPS are a great source of pride. “I am extremely proud of the contributions (19 SOPS) has had over the past 10 years,” said Colonel Rizzuti. “I am excited to see what the next decade holds.” “We’re evolving so we can continue to stay relevant,” said Major King, who said that 19 SOPS is in the GPS business for the long haul, working in not only the launch aspect, but also modernization. The unit performs launch, on-orbit, anomaly resolution, and disposal operations of the GPS constellation, and provides 24-hour, highly accurate navigation, timing, and nuclear detonation information to users worldwide. It provides both an operational and strategic reserve capability by supporting daily operations while simultaneously maintaining a substantial call-up force. The 19 SOPS provides position, navigation, and timing expertise to national command authorities for Defense Support to Civil Authority functions, and navigation warfare planning and operations expertise to combatant commanders worldwide.

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Give parents a break

Give Parents a Break is March 19 at 1 p.m. The program is funded by the Air Force Aid Society and is designed to provide relief for active duty Air Force parents who are experiencing stress in their lives. This can be from deployment, separation, or mutual funds and how to begin investing. The class is March 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Building T-65. Call the A&FC at 567-3920 to sign up.

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Get off to a Right Start

Mandatory briefing for all newly arrived military and DoD civilian personnel, except military members scheduled to attend the First Term Airmen Center. Right Start is held March 21 at 2 p.m., at 567-3920 in Building T-65, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Individuals should attend Right Start July 7, 2011, at 2 p.m. in Building T-65, 567-3920 to confirm your attendance or for additional information.

Calling all new military spouses

Are you a new military spouse? Do you know a new military spouse? The Air Force offers a variety of programs to support military families. Visit Airmпочilddevelopment.com or call 567-2832, or take it to Civilian Personnel office in Building 210, Room 137. Donations of leave can only be accepted from civil service employees. For more information, please contact Mr. Duane Dube at 567-5679.

Student summer hire program

The 50th Space Wing will administer a student summer employment program for the 2012 summer. The program will provide valuable work experience for students while giving base units an opportunity to hire qualified students. Applications will be accepted until June 15, 2012. For more information, please contact Heidi Tintle at 567-3920.

Mandatory pre-separation counseling briefing

The pre-separation counseling briefing is the first step to separating or retiring from the military. This briefing is mandatory and a prerequisite to all other transition-related briefings such as TAP. During this briefing you will learn about all the benefits and services available to you when you leave the military. Documentation of this briefing is accomplished through the completion of the DD Form 214. If you are a year from separation or two years from retirement, start the transition process now. The class is every Wednesday at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Building T-65. For more information, please contact Heidi Tintle at 567-3920.

Deployed Family Dinner

The Top III is sponsoring the Deployed Family Dinner for military families. For more information, please contact the Airmen & Family Readiness Center, Master Sgt. Kim Reese at 567-4057.
Advancement

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you will be selected to attend SOS in-residence. Appropriate PME is also a large factor taken into consideration when selecting for special programs and opportunities, not to mention promotion. USCG isn’t completed before you come up for major, the board could very well question your com-

mitment to our profession. The same is true for completing Air Command and Staff College well before you come up for promotion to lieutenant colonel.

Advanced Academic Degrees: The third priority is to begin to work toward obtaining a masters degree, as the Air Force highly values a well educated officer corps. Each individual needs to decide the amount of challenge they want to take on when it comes to selecting the specific advanced degree to pursue (i.e. technical or non-technical). If your plan is to make the Air Force a career, you can rarely go wrong in pursing a degree related to your job responsibilities. However, don’t take too long to decide. The sooner you complete your masters, the sooner you’ll begin to separate yourself from your peers that are still deciding what they want to do. In addition, a masters will likely be a discriminator for a cap-
tain coming up for promotion to major and could possibly even become a factor in the promotion selection process for lieutenants coming up for captain.

While the information above is focused on officers, men-
torship applies to all of our members, officers, enlisted and civilians. During the next few weeks, the 50th Space Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Randy Lacombe and the 50th Space Wing Director of Staff, Jeffrey Hunt plan to publish commentaries that outline the specific “rules of the road” for enlisted and civilian members.

Hopefully, the guidance above is consistent with the mentorship you’ve received from your supervisors, com-
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