A member of the Colorado Springs Police Department performs Taps while local and military police officers stand in formation during the Peace Officer’s Memorial May 11 at America the Beautiful Park, Colo. Along with this event, members of the 50th Security Forces Squadron have events scheduled Friday to Saturday in honor of NPW.

By Staff Sgt. Patrice Clarke
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 50th Security Forces Squadron honored fallen peace officers at the 19th annual Peace Officers Memorial Day ceremony Friday in downtown Colorado Springs, Colo. The ceremony was just one of many events being held in honor of National Police Week May 13-18.

Police Week originally began in 1962 when President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week.

For Staff Sgt. Jordan Barth, a 50 SFS member who comes from an extensive law enforcement background, police week hits close to home.

"Being a security forces member and knowing that police members are killed in the line of duty every day, I feel honored to be supporting National Police Week," said Barth. "It’s a simple concept. In New Hampshire, ground beneath the frost line (about 7 feet) maintains a temperature between 55 and 57 degrees year round.

"In reality, we are just moving heat," Henderson said. "Plus, the maintenance costs this year. Expect to save more than $40,000 in energy costs this year."

New Boston goes green with geothermal technology

By Scott Prater
Schriever Sentinel

NEW BOSTON AIR FORCE STATION, N.H. — The 23rd Space Operations Squadron expects to save more than $40,000 in energy costs this year.

This past December, 23 SOPs civil engineers refitted a warehouse on base with the latest geothermal heating ventilation and air conditioning system. The technology incorporates heat pumps, distribution subsystems and above all, the Earth’s constant temperature, to create a drastically more efficient heating and cooling system than traditional HVAC systems.

Bryan Henderson, 23 SOPs civil engineer, said though the cost to install the geothermal technology in New Boston Air Force Station buildings is 20 to 30 percent higher than traditional systems, the technology will pay for itself in lower utility expenses during the next three to five years.

"Actually, we’ll save increasingly more every year as the price of heating oil rises," Henderson said. "Plus, the maintenance costs of our new system will decrease dramatically. It presents a huge savings for the base."

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, geothermal systems are the most energy-efficient, environmentally clean and cost-effective space conditioning systems available today.

"It’s a simple concept. In New Hampshire, ground beneath the frost line (about 7 feet) maintains a temperature between 55 and 57 degrees year round. Geothermal technology calls for construction crews to drill wells, sometimes 100 feet down, next to a building. They then lay a system of pipes into the wells in a closed loop. Fluid is pumped through the system of pipes, where the ground heats it. When it returns to the surface as part of the closed loop, it registers between 55 and 57 degrees. Heat pumps and exchangers then bring that energy into the building as warm air."

"In reality, we are just moving heat," Henderson said. "The Earth is the engine. It’s doing a majority of the work. People think, ‘It’s only 57 degrees,’ but it requires much less energy to heat something from 55 degrees to a comfortable room temperature than it does to heat winter-cold air to a comfortable room temperature."

Perhaps more impressively, the system also works to cool buildings during the summer months. Engineers simply reverse the system.

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Commentary by Lt. Col. Harold Hoang
50th Mission Support Group Deputy commander

Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind the words, “Profession of Arms”? Or what it takes to be part of a profession? There are many professions, but none quite like the Profession of Arms. Normally, I would refer to Webster for a concise definition of the Profession of Arms, but it’s not there. I even scoured Google without any luck. I believe a definition of the Profession of Arms is not readily available because it’s internal and personal to each one of us. It’s a calling that requires a devotion to service and a willingness to sacrifice.

On Feb. 6, Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, discussed the Profession of Arms. In his Chairman’s Strategic Direction to the Joint Force, he said, “We are military professionals, every officer, enlisted and civilian, not because we say so, but because of how we serve.” He added, “Americans take an oath, freely and without any mental reservation, to live a vocation for which they may die.” These are powerful words that most of us take for granted. These words reveal the Profession of Arms.

A profession is defined as, “An occupation or vocation requiring training in the liberal arts or the sciences and advanced study in a specialized field.” In addition to these requirements, military professionals must also have public trust and a commitment to service. These two attributes are truly what separate the military from other recognized professions.

According to Dr. Samuel Huntington, a Harvard professor of political science, a profession centers around a specific set of skills learned through extensive education and experience. Regardless of rank or specialty code, when we put on the uniform, we are instantly recognized as professionals and the experts in our mission.

As a profession, the military has earned a great deal of trust from the American people. Normally, I would refer to Webster for a concise definition of a profession but, in my opinion, the military is more than a profession. In his Chairman’s Strategic Direction to the Joint Force, Gen. Dempsey said, “Profession of Arms. We are professionals because of the uniform we put on the uniform, we are instantly recognized as professionals and the experts in our mission.”

Inherent in all this is the individual’s personal to each one of us. It’s a calling that we serve the people of the United States. We serve to preserve the peace and, when called upon, protect the freedom and national interests of the United States. Retired Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, former Chief of Staff of the Air Force, said this about service as he articulated what he sees as the core values held by our Air Force. “Inherent in all this is the individual’s willingness to subordinate personal interests for the good of one’s unit, one’s service and one’s nation.”

As professionals we understand that our individual advancement is only possible if we put the success of the unit and the mission first. Service Before Self. Take pride in your service; take pride in your profession.

As I get ready to change stations to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., this summer, I can’t think of a better way to end my tour at Schriever AFB than to publicly say thank you to the men and women of the 50th Space Wing and more specifically the 50th Mission Support Group. It has been my honor and privilege to serve side-by-side with some of the best professionals in our Air Force. You taught me much and I hope our paths will cross again. Thanks for your service!
Team 8-Ball shows its Spartan mettle

By Scott Prater

Mike Manor struggled to catch his breath as he exited the trench. After crawling with a rubber M-16 rifle through mud and freezing cold water for more than 100 meters, the 1st Space Operations Squadron commander was relieved and thankful to finally be done with the obstacle. He quickly climbed over a stack of hay bales, dropped to the ground and looked up only to discover the exact same obstacle laying in front of him.

“You’re going to be kidding,” Manor thought as he ducked under the hanging barbed wire for stage two of the low-crawl obstacle. As it turned out, Manor, his Team 8-Ball teammates and all the other Colorado Spartan Military Race competitors were met with three low crawl obstacles within the first 2 miles of the event May 5 at Fort Carson, Colo.

“Going into the race I thought the obstacles would give us a chance to take a breather between the running stages,” Manor said. “Instead, it ended up being the other way around. The obstacles were the hardest part.”

Competitors ran a 5-mile course on various terrain and encountered numerous obstacles designed to test their strength and endurance. They climbed cargo nets, carried 70-pound ruck sacks, flipped tractor tires and dragged concrete blocks up a hill. If that weren’t enough, they did most of it either sopping wet or covered in mud.

Team 8-Ball, made up of Airmen from the 1st and 7th Space Operations Squadrons as well as a few other Schriever members, finished the competition 32nd out of 266 teams.

“We were happy with our results, but next year our goal is to finish in the top 10,” Manor said. “We learned quite a bit from this year’s race and have a much better idea of how to train for it.”

Shaun Phipps, 1 SOPS, described one obstacle where racers exited muddy water by reaching for a soap covered rope.

“From there, you had to pull yourself up some 20 feet,” he said. “You’re covered in mud, the rope is as slick as can be and if you fall the obstacle the penalty is 30 burpees.”

Robb Owens, Dan Coleman and Phipps, agreed that at times during the race, they were completely miserable, but none ever felt they couldn’t continue.

“That was one of the aspects of this event that made it unique, I think,” said Coleman, who set the team running pace. “We were completely miserable, but none ever set the team running pace. The mental challenge seems easier to tackle if you have teammates who are enduring it along with you.”

Despite being the first Team 8-Ball member to cross the finish line (No. 150 out of more than 2,500 competitors), Manor said he was simply trying to keep up with Owens, who set the team running pace.

“I am lucky to get past the last obstacle while some of our guys were penalized there,” Manor said. “That’s the only reason I finished ahead of them. One thing is for sure, I’m going to ramp up my cardio training prior to next year’s event and I currently run at least three times a week.”

Owens, by contrast, will focus on upper-body strength training, while Phipps and Coleman said they’ll try to incorporate more CrossFit type workouts into their training.

“Spartan race organizers post workouts of the day on their website, so it only makes sense to follow those,” Owens said. “We won’t, however, be using any mud. We’ve had enough of that.”

Geothermal

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for those 90 plus degree days.

The 23 SOPS CR warehouse is the third building on station to benefit from the new system. Engineers first installed geothermal technology at the NBAFS fitness facility back in 2009 and again in a smaller building at NBAFS in 2010.

The geothermal systems have become so successful at saving energy that squadron leaders plan to outfit the remaining 10 buildings on base with the technology as replacement needs occur. Henderson believes 23 SOPS may be leading the way for military installations in their energy conservation efforts.

“The installation of ground-source heat pumps was one of many successful strategies implemented by the 23 SOPS energy team,” said Lt. Col. David Hanson, 23 SOPS commander. “In this fiscally-constrained environment, where every dollar can mean success or failure for the warfighter in the field, these initiatives are the right thing to do.”
50 SCS maintains command’s deployment tool

By Staff Sgt. Julius Delos Reyes

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Consider the enormous job of tracking down information of all equipment, weapon systems, cargo, Airmen’s deployment readiness and more. A general from the olden days may have used the archaic system of quill and paper, but present-day commanders have a system that gives them full situational awareness and a big-picture idea of what’s happening.

Global Command and Control System is a computerized system of record for strategic command and control. It has the capability to display and track data, intelligence data, maps, imagery, overlays, sites, air tasking orders, chemical, biological and radiological data, weather and much more.

Ensuring Air Force Space Command GCCS hardware and software are current and up to standard is one of the 50th Space Communications Squadron GCCS office’s main functions.

“We provide hardware maintenance, technical, software and help desk support, building systems and training for Air Force Space Command GCCS users,” said Rebecca Goldsmith, 50th SCS GCCS project lead.

Within the space command, the GCCS constellation consists of 13 sites of which five are server sites. Though it’s a command function, the seven-person office, which consists of six contractors and one civilian, manages the whole AFSPC system.

“If a requirement comes in where we have a new user who needs access to the system, we provide them the equipment,” said Susan Browning, 50th SCS AFSPC program manager.

“Whenever new software and hardware upgrades come out for the clients and the servers, the support team travels to the sites and performs the upgrade.”

Providing system administrator training is also one of the team’s missions. Though they don’t perform any type of operations with the software, the unit maintains the information gathered in the system and forwards it to U.S. Strategic Command.

Recently, the office upgraded 75 percent of clients to new software.

“The machines are no longer supportable,” Browning said. “The warranties ran out on them so we provided the new hardware to keep them running as well as the upgrades.”

The technology refresh also provided the system better processing units, Goldsmith said. The clients get the better technology and those units run well.

In the future, the unit will help facilitate the transformation of the AFSPC’s GCCS to a common access card-enabled system, as well as managing the upgrade to standard desktop configuration.

GCCS, as a whole, is important to provide situational awareness and visibility to commanders of an area of responsibility, Goldsmith said.

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The system includes Deliberate and Crisis Action Planning and Execution Segment, Status of Resources and Training System and Common Operational Picture. The command and control system tracks the AFSPC’s readiness, force projection and situational awareness.

As a deployment processing tool, DCAPES is used to track logistics, Airmen’s deployment time, location and equipment. Meanwhile, SORTS looks at a unit’s status, training and tasks. It shows how many people are in a unit, as well as each individual’s Air Force Specialty Code, deployment readiness and more. The COP is designed to give commanders and staff a graphical picture of their battle space, which includes friendly, enemy and neutral assets.

The integration of all this data into one area enables improved sound mission planning, battle damage assessment and visual display of an air, space, maritime and ground picture.

Browning said teamwork is a huge factor in assuring the continued performance of the many elements and components at multiple geographic locations within the AFSPC GCCS enterprise network.

“They are able to access their score notices on the portal and visual display of an air, space, maritime and ground picture.”

For more information about promotions or any other personnel related issue, visit the Air Force Personnel Services website at https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/.

AF announces master sergeant selections May 17

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel, Service and Manpower Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO — RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) — Technical sergeants eligible for promotion to master sergeant will learn May 17 if they were selected during the 12E7 promotion cycle, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced.

Officials selected 5,464 of 19,809 eligible for the special knowledge test, 33.34 for the promotion fitness exam, 60.42 for the comprehensive review, 11.12 for decorations, 133.84 for enlisted years. The average score was based on the average time in grade of 332.85, with an average time in service of 15.58 years. The average score was 4.43 years and time in service of 15.58 years.

The average score was based on the following point averages: 133.84 for enlisted years, 69.71 for performance reports, 60.42 for decorations, 13.34 for time in service and 33.58 for time in grade.

Those selected for the rank of master sergeant will be posted on the Air Force Personnel Center’s public and secure websites and on the Air Force Portal. Airmen will also be able to access their score notices on the portal and virtual military personnel flight.

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Selections are tentative until the data verification process is complete, which is no later than 10 days after the promotion release date,” Hawthorne said. “Personnel officials will notify Airmen via their military personnel section if their selection is in question.”

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New guide helps Airmen, families navigate social media

By Tech. Sgt. Karen Tomask
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

Schriever Sentinel

By now, Airmen and families have a new resource at their fingertips with the recent release of an updated and revised social media guide by the Air Force Public Affairs Agency in San Antonio, Texas.

The guide features sections geared toward all Total Force members and their families as well as Air Force leaders. It highlights topics including using social media effectively, security awareness, social media platforms, public affairs programs and social media policy among others.

“Our social media team has made great strides in updating this guide,” said Larry Clavette, AFPAA director. “Airmen and families will see a lot of information they can apply to their social networking practices, whether they’ve been using social media for years or are just coming onboard with the technology.”

While information on social media has been around for several years, the types of platforms people use evolve and new ones start up nearly every day. No matter which social media platform you use, and whether you use social media personally or professionally, many basic principles apply.

Operations security ranks first and foremost in the minds of many military members, but the casual nature of social media can easily lead to inadvertent sharing of sensitive personal information via personal profiles and accounts. Everyone should make sure they share personal information only with people they trust and understand that no matter how secure they set up their own accounts friends can unintentionally share details about their lives with people who may have malicious intentions.

Though the desire to protect personal information is one reason people may not join social media platforms, unfamiliarity with the platforms is another commonly cited reason for staying out of the social media arena.

“By now, many people are already using social media so this guide doesn’t focus on how to set up new personal accounts,” said Capt. Amber Millerchep, the deputy director of public communications at AFPAA. “Instead, we focused on how to communicate more effectively on some of the most commonly used social media platforms. We hope everyone finds something in the guide they can use in their personal or professional communications on these platforms.”

For most Airmen and family members, the first half of the guide, along with the social media policy references, frequently asked questions and glossary at the end, cover the basics they need to successfully navigate social networks. Unit leaders and public affairs Airmen will benefit from all those sections plus the sections addressing social media and a public affairs program and social media and AFPAA.

“Social media is another tool in a public affairs toolkit,” said Tanya Schuler, the chief of social media at AFPAA. “The new guide will help any Air Force public affairs office start or improve their social media program. The two most important things to remember are to have a communication plan and to engage with followers. Social media is supposed to be fun but that doesn’t mean it shouldn’t be a deliberate process.”

As units share their Airmen’s stories locally, they might also consider sending stories, photographs and videos with wider Air Force appeal to AFPAA so they can be featured on the main official U.S. Air Force social media properties. The section in the guide discussing social media and AFPAA outlines how to submit those products and also touches on a growing area in Air Force emerging technology use — the development of mobile applications.

We understand mobile applications can help Airmen and families in the Air Force, and we encourage folks to leverage technology in accomplishing their jobs more efficiently,” said Clavette.

“When we ask everyone to do is be smart about developing applications for official use. There are many things to consider from impact on mission completion and potential risks to a variety of costs in development and maintenance of an app. AFPAA is the focal point for mobile applications development, so we need folks to contact us for guidance before jumping into this area.”

Airmen can download a copy of the guide from the social media tab at www.af.mil, the official website of the U.S. Air Force or by selecting the link. Questions and comments about the guide can be directed to the AFPAA Social Media Division via the contact information on the guide’s back cover.

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Testing cancelled

Professional military education and career development course testing is unavailable from May 31 through June 8. Please e-mail in advance if you wish to schedule a test date prior to May 31. Testing is conducted on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Victoria Brautigam at 567-5903.

MPS offers limited service

The 50th Force Support Squadron Military Personnel Section will provide limited services Thursdays from 7:30 to 10:45 a.m. in preparation for an upcoming inspection. The MPS can provide common access identification card assistance and schedule appointments on an emergency basis during these hours. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. For more information, please contact 2nd Lt. Zachary Probasco at 567-3098.

Child support grant aids service members

Colorado recently received a federal grant to assist service members with their child support and related issues. El Paso County Child Support Services is providing the assistance under the grant to either parent provided at least one of the parents is active-duty military. “Under the grant, child support issues, including paternity and parenting time, can be addressed before a service member is deployed, upon redeployment or if stationed locally in El Paso County,” said Gary Grambort, El Paso County Child Support Services Military Liaison. The grant allows for pre-deployment cases to be expedited for pre-deployment cases to be expedited so that the child support issues can be resolved before the service member is deployed. Grambort will be here May 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. Anyone interested in speaking with Grambort in person about child support should contact the 50th Space Wing Legal Office at 567-3920. He will be able to assist service members and their families on the last Tuesday of each month. El Paso County Child Support Services may be reached by calling 719-457-6331 or www.elpasocounty昶ncs.com.

Force development courses offered

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Picnic committee members needed

The 50th Space Wing Base Picnic will be held July 20. Committee members are needed to help plan and support the event. Members must be available until July 20 and have a positive attitude and great work ethic. Get involved in the largest event held on Schriever. For more information, please contact 2nd Lt. Madeleine Pedretti at 567-4479.

State Primaries continue

Primary season continues. Upcoming elections are scheduled for: May 22, Arkansas, Kentucky; Texas Runoff June 5: California, Iowa, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota, June 12: Maine, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia; June 26: Colorado, Oklahoma, Utah. If you have not received your absentee ballot, or need to change your address or register to vote, please see your Unit Voting Assistance Officer or contact the Base Voting Assistance Officer at 567-6877.

Dining facility has new meal hours

The Satellite Duh Dining Facility hours of operation are Monday — Friday: breakfast 6-8 a.m., lunch 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., and dinner 4-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays, the hours are breakfast 6:30-8 a.m., lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and dinner 4-6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Chuck Dietz at 567-4732.

Get gift ideas

Stop by Awards, Engraving and Custom Picture Framing (Bldg. 300, Rm. 131) between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to pick up ideas for gifts and mementos. Emblemets, patches and photos can be printed in color on placards, coffee mugs, gift boxes, coasters, luggage tags, baby bibs and ornaments. For more information, please contact Wendy Delesior at 567-6055.

Spouses join the Welcome Fair

The Schriever Welcome Fair is a chance for spouses to find out what’s in it for them at Schriever and the Colorado Springs Area. Representatives from on- and off-base agencies will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 6 in the Multipurpose Building (T-135). Employment assistance, education, medical, fitness, activities and much more. This event is open to anyone wanting to know more about what’s at Schriever and the Colorado Springs area. For more information, please contact Andrea Hernandez at 567-3920.

Know survivor’s benefits

Retiring? After all these years you and your family are about to leave active duty to enjoy a well-lived life in the civilian world. Right now your mind is filled with thoughts of the many things you must do to prepare for this major change. The move to and setting up of a new home; new neighbors and schools, a new job — all these things demand time and attention. But before they get you too wrapped up, there’s one decision you must make before you retire that will last for the rest of your life and beyond. For more information, please contact Kevin Mitchell at 567-3920.

Loan closet open to members

Did you know the Schriever Airman and 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 AFB. 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 Mercedes Pettiford at 567-3920.

OSI changes travel briefing

Due to personnel shortage, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations office located on Schriever AFB will now only be conducting travel briefings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. The briefings will still be held in Bldg. 210. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. For more information, call Joshua Reed at 567-5049.

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The following are the winners:

Airman: Senior Airman Ashley Bass, 50th Operations Group

NCO: Staff Sgt. Peter Schneider, 50th Operations Support Squadron

Officer: Capt. Keith Harrigan, 1st Space Operations Squadron

Civilian: David King, 2nd Space Operations Squadron

The award is named in honor of Morrell, whose legacy is marked by his contributions and leadership in various Air Force Space Command programs including space control and satellite operations. Gen. Morrell served as commander of the 2nd Space Wing here when the base was known as Falcon AFB.

Winners are recognized for their accomplishments in space and satellite operations and for displaying the hard work and dedication that has become synonymous with Gen. Morrell’s name.

Retired Gen. Kevin P. Chilton was the guest speaker.
Former AFSPC/CC named to Astronaut Hall of Fame

By Don Branum
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla. — Retired Gen. Kevin Chilton was inducted into NASA’s Astronaut Hall of Fame during a ceremony May 5 at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Chilton is the former commander of Air Force Space Command and U.S. Strategic Command, a 1976 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Chilton piloted the Space Shuttle Endeavour on its maiden voyage during the Space Transportation System-49 mission, his first as an astronaut. Highlights of that mission included NASA’s first three-person extravehicular activity during an operation to capture and repair a non-functional Intelsat VI satellite. He also piloted the 11-day STS-59 mission aboard Endeavour, which used radar imaging to map parts of the U.S., Europe and Asia for climate research.

Chilton commanded STS-76 aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis on his third mission. STS-76 highlights included docking with the Mir space station and a six-hour EVA by astronauts Michael Clifford and Linda Godwin.

His career also includes a joint assignment as the Joint Staff’s director of politico-military affairs for Asia-Pacific and the Middle East regions. He held commands at Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., the Joint Functional Component Command for Space and Global Strike at Offutt AFB, Neb., 8th Air Force at Barksdale AFB, La., and the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB, Calif.

Chilton was a rated pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours in several airframes, including the F-4 Phantom, F-15 Eagle, B-52 Stratofortress and U-2 Dragon Lady. He holds a master’s degree in mechanical engineering from Columbia University in New York. He retired Feb. 1, 2011.

Also honored during Saturday’s ceremony were Franklin Chang Diaz and Charles Precourt. Diaz, NASA’s first Latino astronaut, flew on seven space shuttle flights and logged more than 1,600 hours in space, according to NASA’s website. Precourt flew on four space shuttle missions: STS-35 (Columbia), STS-71 (Atlantis), STS-84 (Atlantis) and STS-91 (Discovery).

The ceremony brings the total number of astronauts named to the Astronaut Hall of Fame to 82. Previous inductees include astronauts from the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab and Apollo-Soyuz programs, according to NASA.

Information compiled from NASA, Air Force releases and staff reports.

Birth & Wedding Announcements

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Schriever upgrades to M-50 mask

The M-50 Joint Service General Purpose Mask will be issued to deploying Schriever members effective immediately. The M-50 mask replaces the MCU-2A/P mask and offers more sustainable protection as well as increased comfort for the wearer.

By Staff Sgt. Patrice Clarke

Deploying Team Schriever members have a new level of protection from chemical and biological attacks as they will be issued the M-50 Joint Service General Purpose Mask effective immediately.

Though the M-50 mask is new to Schriever, initial distribution started in 2008 when it was first issued to Airmen stationed in South Korea.

Schriever is one of the first front range bases to receive the mask. Along with deploying, Schriever members participating in chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive training will also be issued the M-50 mask.

“The entire change should be pretty transparent to Schriever members,” said Tech. Sgt. Christy Luster-Dotson, 50th Logistics Readiness Flight NCO in charge of Individual Protection Equipment.

The M-50 mask is replacing the MCU-2 Protective Mask. Though the two masks are similar, the biggest difference members will notice is the two filter canisters located on the front of the mask, as opposed to the one canister on the MCU-2. The mask also has 23 percent more visibility than the other mask and requires a different set of inserts for eyeglass wearers.

“The M-50 mask requires the eye glass inserts to be placed directly inside of the mask instead of previously wrapped around the head,” said Robert Ness, 50th LRF IPE.

“Members who wear glasses should make an appointment to get the new inserts so they are prepared if they are tasked to deploy. This is the mask the Air Force is issuing.”

Other upgrades of the mask include a redesigned head harness that allows for a better seal around the face and a newer carrying case that has an extra flap to protect the mask from dirt and debris.

“We are here to support the warfighter,” said Luster-Dotson. “We just want to ensure Schriever personnel get the most up-to-date equipment. This new mask is one thing we can do to ensure Airmen have the equipment they need to accomplish the mission.”

U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Samuel Morse

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is extremely difficult to come to terms with losing a person whose sole purpose is to protect you and the communities we live in. I have always had the utmost respect for police officers.”

Schriever plans on celebrating police officers during a crime prevention barbecue Friday beginning at 11 a.m. at the Tierra Vista Baseball Field. During the event, law enforcement individuals from the Colorado Springs Police Department and the El Paso County Sheriff’s office will be in attendance to speak on local crime prevention programs.

“Although the Schriever security mission may make 50th Security Forces Squadron members the most visible law enforcement entity they encounter, Team Schriever’s personnel shouldn’t forget that the majority of their daily activities are kept safe by other local law enforcement agencies,” said Lt. Col. Jason Cooley, 50 SFS commander.

“Police Week reminds us that we’re part of a bigger law enforcement community, one that also endures challenges and sacrifices.”

Other Schriever agencies, including the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator office and the Airman and Family Readiness Center, will have information booths at the event as well.

“The main purpose of the event is to get Schriever personnel together to learn valuable information on how to protect themselves and their families,” said Barth.

Along with the crime prevention barbecue, there will also be a multijurisdiction softball tournament at Peterson Air Force Base, Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. Security forces and military police members from Schriever and Peterson AFB, Fort Carson and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station will show their softball mettle in a double-elimination tournament. All Team Schriever members are invited to attend.

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Security forces members from Schriever Air Force Base and other local Air Force units stand in formation during the Peace Officers Memorial at America the Beautiful Park, Colo. Friday. The event was one of many held in honor of National Police Week, May 13-18.

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Schriever hosts Space Day for local students

Tech. Sgt. Shale Nonetz, NCO in charge of the Colorado Tracking Station, gives a tour of the facility to local 8th grade students during Schriever Space Day May 10. Nonetz talked about some of the history, current procedures and interworking of local satellites. The students visited several Schriever units and interacted with personnel as part of Schriever Space Day. They also received the opportunity to geocache and locate identified points on the field.

Tech. Sgt. John Grindel, 50th Security Forces Squadron Combat Arms Training and Maintenance NCO in charge, briefs weapon types and safety to local 8th grade students during Schriever Space Day May 10. During the event, students visited the Colorado Tracking Station, 2nd Space Operations Squadron and the base power plant. The students also received the opportunity to experience eating at the dining facility.

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Base soccer team looking for players
Soccer players, the base team season has begun. Team Schriever is looking for individuals who want to get out and play in a competitive league that is challenging and rewarding. By playing for and representing the base team, individuals would not only play in local skirmishes but also in tournaments involving local teams from outside of the military and a season culminating Military Cup held at the U.S. Air Force Academy. The team practices twice a week and works hard but has lots of fun. The practices run from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Come on out and play and the support is always there. For more information, call Senior Airman Michael Bruno at 567-4977.

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Clouds” and must be 18 years of age or older to participate. This year’s event will be held on June 11-15. For more information, please contact Andrea Hernandez at 567-3920.

Transition from civil service
The first step to a successful transition from civil service is to attend a one-on-one civilian pre-separation counseling briefing. During the briefing, a pre-separation counseling checklist is completed. You will hear about the resources available to you separate or retire. Questions will be answered and referrals made to assist in making the transition from civil service a successful one. For more information, please contact Liz Archuleta at 567-3920.

Have a smooth move
Smooth Move/Going Overseas is for military members, DoD civilians and their families for the purpose of reducing the stress and confusion often associated with moving. Information provided during Smooth Move includes briefings from the Finance Office, JPSSO, TRICARE, Airman & Family Readiness Center and legal office. “Going Overseas” addresses the unique needs of those PCSing to overseas locations. Individual appointments are available for those who are unable to attend and need information on a specific location. The next class is 8-11 a.m. May 24. For more information, please contact Andrea Hernandez at 567-3920.

TAP class offered
The Air Force is recruiting members for the Front Range Military-Air Force team for June 26. The Southern Colorado Tour de Cure is a 40-mile bike ride to raise money for the American Diabetes Association. Registrants can choose from a 5K run/walk, two road bike routes and a 100-mile mountain bike course, or a family or casual bike ride. If you sign up with the team, your registration fee will be waived. And, if you decide to settle in, the records reviews are required to offer the session. If less than eight participants are available, or you can schedule a time by calling the MLFC directly at 651-3379.

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