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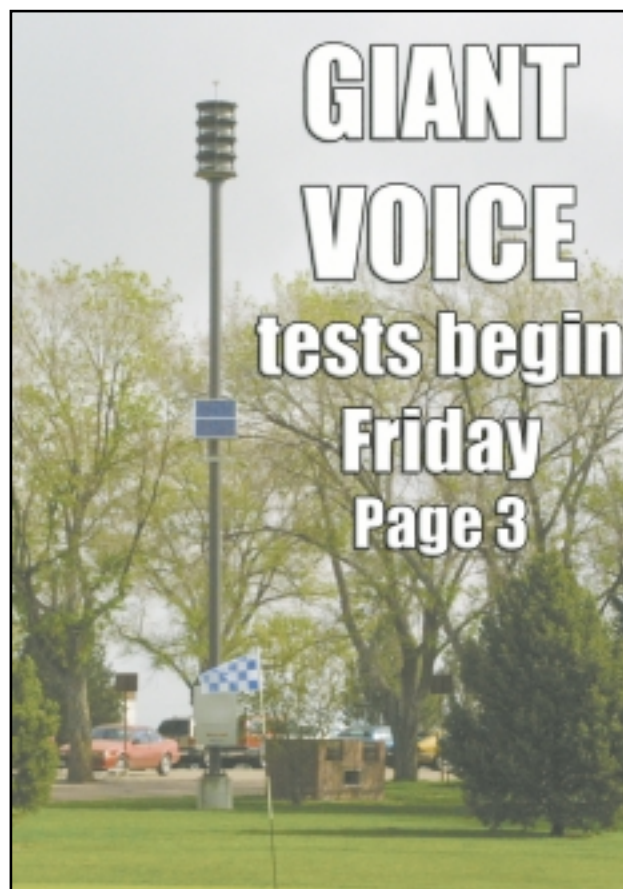
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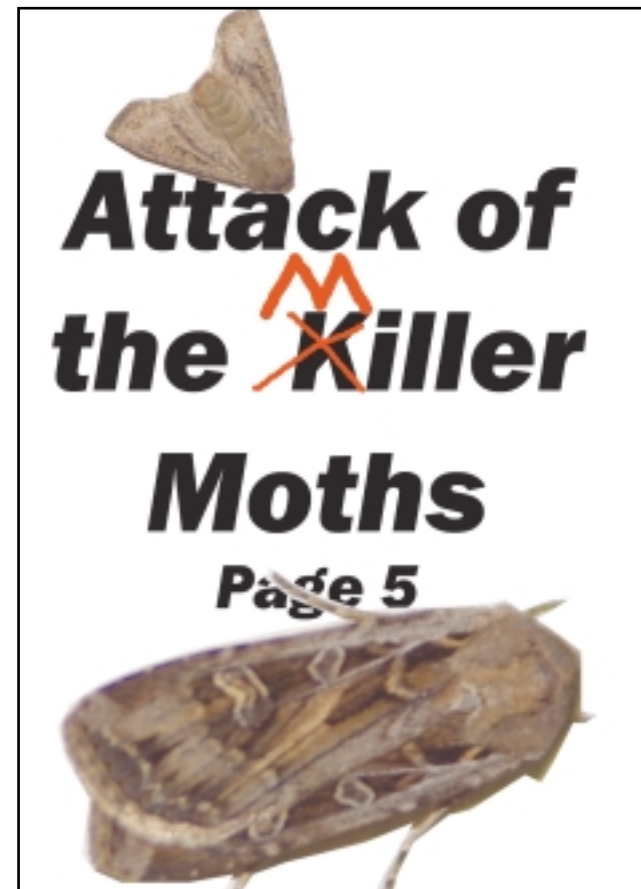
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*They fell, but o'er their glorious grave
Floats free the banner of the cause they
died to save.*

~Francis Marion Crawford

By Gen. Lance Lord
Air Force Space Command Commander

Memorial Day, as the name implies, affords us an opportunity to remember those who have fallen in battle. This special day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, and first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on Union and Confederate soldiers' graves at Arlington National Cemetery.

The following words, inscribed there, are dedicated to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice:


"Not for fame or reward, not for place or rank, not lured by ambition or goaded by necessity, but in

simple obedience to duty as they understood it, these men suffered all, sacrificed all, dared all — and died."

Many American families have lost a loved one in the struggle to ensure freedom since the reading of the Declaration of Independence. From Valley Forge to Iraq, generations of Americans have been reminded of that struggle's price.

This is a time to remember all who died in defense of our great nation. It is also a time to reflect on those in uniform today — you and your comrades in arms — soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen.

In Air Force Space Command, we serve in the missile fields providing the nation's strategic deterrence. We serve in mission control and operations centers around the globe, ensuring our country's space assets support the warfighter. We defend the nation through the control and exploitation of space. We are the "Guardians of the High Frontier."

As you go about your holiday weekend, please take a moment and think of all those who died wearing our country's uniforms. On battlefields throughout our history, America's cherished sons and daughters gave their lives so we may remain free. We must never forget. 

Salute their sacrifices, remember their dedication

WASHINGTON — *The following is a joint Memorial Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche, and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:*


This Memorial Day, as the flag gracefully soars to the top of the flagpole then solemnly lowers to half-staff, the loss of great Americans who have fallen in our country's battles weighs heavily on our hearts.

Memorial Day is our time to salute their sacrifices and remember their dedication to duty. We remember their humanity, dignity, and nobility. We remember their laughter, their tears, and their determination to serve a grateful nation.

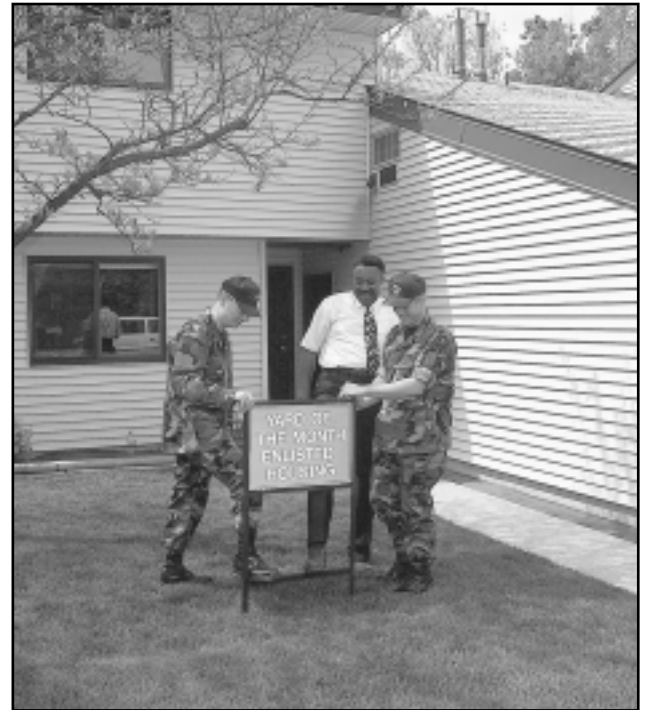
This Memorial Day is indeed somber because members of our ranks have recently fallen in battle. They are the mothers and fathers of children who will forever mourn their absence, the sons and daughters of parents who grieve their death, the husbands and wives of spouses who yearned for

their return, and heroes to us all. Their sacrifice is fresh in our minds as we pay tribute to their memory. They served valiantly to secure freedom for millions who have never tasted the liberties we enjoy every day. Our nation's humble tribute this Memorial Day is a small measure of our enduring gratitude for their service.

From the Revolutionary War to the ongoing Global War on Terrorism, each generation that has answered our nation's call to arms has served with honor. Those who serve in our military are a part of a long tradition of sacrifice; those who give their lives are the standard-bearers for us all.

As is our earnest obligation, we accept the mantle of responsibility to uphold freedom from our fallen comrades and march forward, forever mindful of their sacrifice. God bless all who have gone before and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. And may God continue to bless each of you and our great nation. 

Pete Pride — Good lookin' yards



Photos by Budd Butcher

Lt. Col. David McCormick (left), 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Commander, plants the Yard of the Month sign for enlisted housing with the winner of the award for May, Tech. Sgt. Raymond E. Abel (right), and Assistant Chief of Housing, Willie J. Carter.



McCormick (right), 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Commander, congratulates NORAD/USNORTH-COM Command Chaplain (Col.) David M. Park and his wife, Mary, for winning Yard of the Month in officer housing for the month of May.



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A Moment in Time



■ May 22, 1934 - Mackay Trophy awarded to Capt. W.T. Larson for developing instrument takeoff and landing procedures.

■ May 25, 1927 - Lt. James H. Doolittle performed the first known successful outside loop.

■ May 26, 1920 - GAX twin-engine tri-plane, armed with eight machine guns and 37-mm cannon, is tested.

■ May 27, 1913 - General Order No. 39 provided that Army officers qualified as Military Aviators receive a Military Aviator's Certificate and badge - 24 qualified.

■ May 28, 1980 - For the first time, 97 women are among those receiving commissions as second lieutenants in graduation ceremonies at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Air Force eases Stop Loss restrictions

WASHINGTON – Air Force personnel officials announced May 14 the release of more than half of the Air Force Specialty Codes restricted from retirement or separation May 2 under the Stop Loss program.

Following a review of operational requirements, 31 officer and 20 enlisted career fields were identified for release from Stop Loss, the officials said.

The officer career fields released from Stop Loss restrictions are: 11BX, 11EX, 11FX, 11HX, 11KX, 12BX, 12EX, 12FX, 12KX, 12RX, 12TX, 13BX, 13DXA, 13DXB, 32EX, 43EX, 43HX, 43TX, 44EX, 44MX, 45AX, 45BX, 45SX, 46FX, 46MX, 46NXE, 46SX, 48AX, 48GX, 48RX, and 51JX.

The enlisted career fields released from Stop Loss restrictions are: 1C2XX, 1C4XX, 1S0XX, 1T1XX, 3E000, 3E0X2, 3E4X1, 3E4X2, 3E5X1, 3E7X1, 3E8X1, 3E9X1, 3H0X1, 3N0XX, 4A1XX, 4A2XX, 4B0XX, 4E0XX, 4H0XX, and 5J0X1.

The Air Force announced Stop Loss, a Defense Department program to retain members of the armed forces beyond their established dates of separation or retirement, for 99 AFSCs and deployed airmen on March 13. The move was aimed at ensuring personnel

levels were adequate to meet upcoming contingencies.

“It was not an action that we took lightly,” said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. “It was designed to preserve Air Force skills essential to supporting the global war on terrorism and operations in Iraq.”

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper pointed out that service officials have always said that they will use Stop Loss only as long as necessary to accomplish the mission.

“We’ve re-evaluated our requirements and are releasing these AFSCs because Stop-Loss is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service,” Jumper said.

Maj. Teresa Forest, Chief of Air Force Retirements and Separation Policy at the Pentagon, said this announcement is the result of an in-depth review.

“A number of different factors went into the review process,” Forest said. “We had to consider the balance between the active duty and Air Reserve Component, as well as the need to remain responsive to changing events worldwide.”

Deployed active duty, Guard and Reserve airmen whose AFSCs are released from Stop Loss will not be allowed to retire or separate until their deployment is completed, Forest said. Air Reserve Component airmen who are mobilized, but not deployed, will be demobilized according to ARC policy.

The actual “termination” of Stop Loss has yet to be determined because the Air Force and the combatant commanders still need certain skills to directly support the war in Iraq, Forest said.

More career fields will likely be released in the future, she said, based on input from different levels around the Air Force. However, if airmen experience a severe hardship caused by Stop Loss, they can apply for a waiver through their chain of command.

“Many families have had to put their plans on hold because of Stop Loss,” Forest said. “We will make every effort to balance their needs with our commitment to operational requirements.”

Additional information regarding the release of certain AFSCs is available at installation military personnel flights.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

New DoD post-deployment medical guidelines take effect

By 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Air Force members returning from deployments are now required to undergo post-deployment screening.

The 810th Medical Operations Squadron has been complying with the new Department of Defense and Air Force standards throughout Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

This new program is designed to prevent some of the problems that occurred during the post-Gulf War era.

“If we know what individuals are exposed to, we will be better prepared to do some medical monitoring,” said 1st Lt. Jose Diaz, Chief of Public Health Programs. “If we don’t know the substance of exposure, then it’s more complicated, and the follow-up will be based on the symptoms with which the person presents, i.e. Gulf War Syndrome.”

The new program includes a 72-hour processing upon return to the continental United States.

“Post-deployment assessments are important to identify any medical conditions related to the deployment,” said Diaz. “We want to make sure we identify any conditions that require medical follow-up as soon as possible after the deployment.”

“Basically, it will consist of a record review; interview with a health care provider; collecting any medical supplies issued; scheduling for medical follow up, if needed, and a blood test.”

This new program also includes redeployed staff who have already had post-deployment processing in the theater. Upon arrival to their home base, they will still need to schedule an appointment with Public Health. However, not all returnees will have to schedule an appointment, depending on

the length of time they deployed and the location of the deployment. Public Health will make this determination based on available medical intelligence and operating procedures.

Returnees should bring their deployed health record, NBC antidotes, if issued, and post-deployment questionnaire, if completed in theater, to their appointment.

At the appointment, Public Health will either administer the post-deployment questionnaire, or review the completed version. Questions will be asked about the returnee’s health status, a tuberculosis risk assessment completed, blood work ordered, etc.

All returnees will see a healthcare provider in the clinic where they are enrolled – Primary Care or Aerospace Medicine. During that visit, the provider reviews the questionnaire, and discusses or treats any acute conditions. If the

returnee has chronic conditions or non-acute conditions, the provider will schedule a follow-up appointment with that member’s primary care manager within 30 days of the post-deployment review.

Returnees will be directed to the lab for required blood work, and will then be sent to the clinic’s Medical Logistics section to turn in any NBC antidotes.

Visiting Public Health is one of a few stops military members must complete within 72 hours. The Personnel Readiness Unit has a checklist of mandatory inprocessing procedures.

Unit Deployment Managers or returnees can contact Public Health at 556-5427, or 556-1207, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are offered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Peterson GIANT VOICE tests begin

Beginning Friday, the 21st Space Wing Operations Center will initiate weekly tests of the GIANT VOICE siren and voice capability. These tests will occur every Friday at noon on Peterson Air Force Base. The siren will be preceded by, and followed with, a voice announcement specifying this is only a test. These tests are intended to exercise our capability to provide timely warning of actual emergencies, such as natural disasters and attacks, and are mandated by the Air Force.

There is a difference between a test and actual emergency siren. The test is a short, 15-second siren with accompanying voice announcement stating this was only a test. The actual emergency siren is a longer, three-minute siren with a follow-up voice announcement. No preceding

voice announcement will occur for actual emergencies. The siren tone is steady for natural disasters like tornado sightings, and wavering for attacks.

21st SW/WOC will also make GIANT VOICE announcements for lightning warnings and Force Protection Condition changes, to ensure timely notification/warning to those away from computer screens, televisions, or telephones. However, the siren will not be used in these circumstances.

GIANT VOICE will be used during exercises, and be preceded by and followed with voice announcements, stating: “This (is/was) an exercise announcement.”

(Information courtesy of the 21st Space Wing Operations Center)



GIANT VOICE towers, like this one on the Silver Spruce Golf Course, will broadcast weekly test sirens at noon each Friday. Announcements for severe weather warnings and Force Protection Changes will also be broadcast via the GIANT VOICE.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips



21st CES member named Command CGO of the year

Captain Steven W. Lo was recently named Air Force Space Command Company Grade Officer of the Year for 2002 for his accomplishments as Readiness Flight Commander, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron.



**Capt.
Steven W. Lo**

As Readiness Flight Commander, Lo is responsible for base Disaster Preparedness and Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical defense training as well as squadron deployment readiness and supply. This award is the latest in a string of AFSPC-level awards for the flight and for Lo.

Under Lo's direction, the 21st CES Readiness Flight has carried out several groundbreaking projects over the past year. His flight worked with Headquarters, U.S. Air Force to develop the first ever counter biological and chemical checklist templates in the Air Force. Additionally, his flight was only the second in the world to implement the United States Air Force Pilot Installation for Weapons of Mass Destruction Training and Exercise Program. Both of these programs are important in keeping the base safe in the event of an unconventional terror-

ist attack.

Lo also found ways to innovate several base programs using the latest technologies available. Through the use of Global Positioning System technology, he was able to streamline Disaster

Control Group procedures, and cut response times significantly during exercise and real world events. By digitizing relevant emergency checklists and procuring personal digital assistants, Lo was able to effectively place reams of information into the hands of on scene responders. Through these and other accomplishments Lo has already been recognized as the AFSPC Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia Military Manager of the year while his flight received the Col. Frederick J. Riemer Award for Best Readiness Flight in AFSPC.

When he's not preparing emergency plans and procedures for the 21st Space Wing, Lo enjoys golfing and hiking with his wife and two dogs. He is currently attending Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

(Courtesy of 21st Civil Engineer Squadron)

AFOSI retraining opportunities

Air Force members interested in expanding their horizons now have the opportunity to work with the Air Force equivalent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

With the implementation of Phase I, Noncommissioned Officer Retraining Program, Air Force NCOs now have the opportunity to retrain into an exciting and rewarding career with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Many NCOs are unaware of the diverse and integral mission AFOSI plays within the Air Force spectrum. The primary responsibilities of the AFOSI are criminal investigations and counterintelligence services.

The organization seeks to identify, investigate and neutralize espionage, terrorism, fraud, and other major criminal activities that threaten Air Force and Department of Defense resources. AFOSI provides professional investigative service to commanders of all Air Force activities.

AFOSI is a field-operating agency with its headquarters at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. It has been the Air Force's major investigative agency service since 1948. AFOSI has approximately 2,000 personnel of whom 780 are enlisted special agents. AFOSI recruits and selects all of its AFOSI enlisted agents. Those who are selected receive entry level training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco,

Ga, an 11-week Criminal Investigator Training Program with other federal law enforcement trainees. The entry-level training is followed by six weeks of AFOSI agency-specific coursework. Both courses offer new agents training in firearms and special purpose weapons, defensive tactics, forensics, surveillance and surveillance detection, antiterrorism techniques, crime scene processing, interrogations and interviews, court testimony, and military and federal law.

Upon graduation, all new AFOSI agents must complete a one-year probationary period in the field. Even within AFOSI, there are additional duties for which an agent can receive specialized training in economic crime, antiterrorism service, counterintelligence, and computer crimes.

AFOSI welcomes more than 230 new special agents into the organization each year and is the second-most requested career-field choice in the Air Force. AFOSI agents are located not only on Air Force installations around the world, but also at embassies, major city locations, and deployed locations allowing agents to chose from over 160 units worldwide.

Interested individuals should call 556-4347 for the latest information regarding eligibility criteria and application process or visit <http://www.dtic.mil/afosi/career/enlisted.html>.

(Courtesy of Air Force Office of Special Investigations)

Miller moth invasion!

The annual migration of Miller moths has begun. The migration normally lasts about 4-8 weeks. The moth rests in dark areas during the day and come out in full force at night.

It's best to try to seal any obvious openings, particularly around windows and doors. Also, reduce lighting at night in and around the home during flights. This includes turning off all unnecessary lights or substituting non-attractive yellow lights. Although the moths avoid daylight, they are attracted to point-sources of light at night.

Although the moths can be considerable nuisances at times, moths do not feed or lay eggs in the home.

Insecticides have little or no effect in controlling Millers.

Furthermore, new moths that migrate into the area nightly will rapidly replace any moths killed.

The most effective



removal methods are swatting, vacuuming, or trapping.

An easy trap to make is to suspend a light bulb over a partially filled bucket of water (soapy water reportedly works best).

Moths attracted to the light often will fall into the water and

be killed.

Clean up any dead moths as soon as possible. When large numbers die in your home,

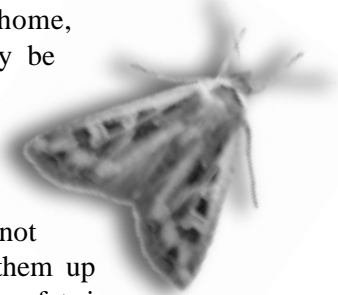
there may be a small

odor problem if

you do not vacuum them up before the fat in their bodies turns rancid.

If you have any questions, call Tech. Sgt. Edward Seeman or Airman 1st Class Danielle Morse in the environmental controls office at 556-7754.

(Information courtesy of 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Pest Control)



Miller moths at a glance

What are Miller moths?

Miller moth is the term given to any type of moth that is particularly abundant in and around homes. In the eastern half of Colorado, the common Miller is the Army Cutworm, *Euxoa Auxiliaris*.

The wings of the moths are covered with fine scales that easily rub off. These scales reminded people of the dusty flour that covered the clothing of millworkers, or millers.

Where do Miller moths come from?

Spring flights of miller moths, moving east to west across the eastern half of the state, originate from moths that developed across eastern Colorado and probably as far as the border areas of Wyoming, Nebraska, and Kansas.

Why do Colorado Millers migrate?

No one is sure why Army Cutworms, the "Colorado Miller," migrate to the mountains in the summer. One likely explanation is that the mountains reliably provide an abundance of summer flowers, a source of nectar they need as food. The relatively cool temperatures of

the higher elevations may be less stressful to the moths, allowing them to conserve energy and live longer.

How long do the spring flights last?

During outbreak years, Miller moth flights may last five to six weeks, generally starting in late May or early June. They tend to be most severe for only two to three weeks.

How do Millers get indoors?

Miller moths avoid daylight and seek shelter before daybreak. Ideally, daytime shelters are dark and tight. Small cracks in doorways of homes, garages, and cars make perfect hiding spots. Often, many moths may be found sheltered together in particularly good shelters.

At night, the moths emerge from the shelters to resume their migratory flight. Since cracks often continue into the living space of a home (or a garage, car, etc.), a wrong turn may lead them indoors, instead of outside.

(Courtesy of Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Entomologists)





USNORTHCOM takes part in terrorism response exercise

Without warning, the public address system in the U.S. Northern Command's headquarters building blared, "This is an exercise. The Department of Homeland Security reports a suspected radiological dispersal device explosion south of downtown Seattle at 1900 Zulu. USNORTHCOM personnel should prepare to report to operations centers."

With this announcement, people at United States Northern Command launched into the most comprehensive terrorism response exercise ever undertaken in the United States — Top Officials 2, or TOPOFF 2.

Since the command's activation in October 2002, USNORTHCOM has participated in numerous exercises to educate, train, and exercise the headquarters staff and component commands and to serve as platforms to enhance the essential relationships across the broad range of government agencies involved in homeland security.

"TOPOFF 2 is not a USNORTHCOM-sponsored exercise, but we are actively participating just as we would for a real-world event," said Marine Col. Gene Pino, Director of Training and Exercises for USNORTHCOM. "Any exercise opportunity for such a new command is a great training opportunity, as today's exercises lay the foundation for tomorrow's operational successes."

TOPOFF 2 is sponsored by the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security and State, and is designed to

provide training for top federal, state, and local responders, and demonstrate coordinated national crisis and consequence management capabilities in response to a weapons of mass destruction event.

According to Pino, military support of civil crisis and consequence management activities generally falls into two categories: areas where Department of Defense has a unique military capability; and times when a catastrophic event overwhelms the ability of civil authorities to respond alone.

"USNORTHCOM's role in domestic contingencies is to support the lead federal agency responding to a particular incident, and we are using TOPOFF 2 as an opportunity to exercise our readiness and capability to provide that support," Pino said.

USNORTHCOM is participating in the exercise

with a headquarters battle staff, component command response cells, and limited deployment of coordinating officials to other governmental operations centers.

"Participation in TOPOFF 2 allows the command to continue to exercise and train as it builds towards full operational capability," said Pino, "so that we can effectively function as part of the multi-layered local, state and federal, and military effort to protect our nation."

USNORTHCOM's structure, which includes a headquarters staff and joint task forces, gives the Department of Defense the means to effectively apportion its joint forces to not only support its commitments overseas but to respond to an incident at home.

(Information courtesy of NORAD/U.S. Northern Command Public Affairs)



Photos by Staff Sgt. Larry Holmes
From the Situational Awareness Room, battle staff personnel at U.S. Northern Command participate in the Top Officials 2, or TOPOFF 2, exercise.



Army Lt. Col. Jay Marts, left, Current Operations Group for USNORTHCOM, meets with local media in the Situational Awareness Room to discuss NORAD's and USNORTHCOM's roles and the support provided during the TOPOFF 2 exercise.

Senior executive service official retires after nearly 42 years

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite. The satellite itself wasn't large, but it was gigantic in significance. Its launch signaled the start of the space race — a race that captured the attention of some of the most brilliant minds of that time. Dr. David Finkleman was one of those brilliant minds.

"I'm a child of Sputnik," said Finkleman, Chief Technical Officer and Director of Analysis for North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Northern Command, and U.S. Strategic Command (West). "I was entering high school when Sputnik went up, and there was a big call around the country for people to get into space and aerospace."

Finkleman answered that call. After 41 years and 8 months of military and civilian service, he was honored recently at a retirement ceremony in the Hartinger Building Auditorium here.

This isn't the first time he has retired. His official retirement was Nov. 3, 2001, but the Secretary of the Air Force called him back to service on an emergency term appointment due to the Sept. 11 attacks, and the standup of USNORTHCOM.

As chief technical officer and director of analysis, Finkleman, led an organization of U.S. and Canadian military and civilian personnel responsible for all analytical and technical matters encompassing all U.S. military satellite systems, space surveillance, ballistic missile warning and defense, and all aerospace sovereignty and control capabilities of the United States and Canada.

Finkleman left active duty in 1973 to join the Navy High Energy Laser Project in Washington, D.C. He maintained his association with the military as a member of the Air Force Reserve, retiring as a colonel in 1993.

In March 1983, President Ronald Reagan announced to the public his intent to embark on a Strategic Defense Initiative program to counter the Soviet missile threat.

Finkleman was one of those whose vision and hard work made that current technology possible. He



Photo by Staff Sgt. Larry Holmes

Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, Commander in Chief, NORAD, and Commander USNORTHCOM, presents Dr. David Finkleman a shadow box containing the U.S. and Canadian flags during Finkleman's retirement ceremony recently.

was soon named the first director of kinetic energy weapons in the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization in Washington, D.C.

With the creation of the United States Space Command in 1985, Finkleman realized another dream. "I went to D.C. in 1973, and worked for the next 14 years to try and get back to Colorado Springs," he said.

Finkleman said the experience that will stay with him longer than anything else is being in Cheyenne Mountain with Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, Commander in Chief, NORAD and Commander USNORTHCOM, on Sept. 11, 2001.

"We were in an exercise, so we were there anyway," Finkleman said, "I was in the command post. I was there when everything happened and when General Eberhart came to the mountain, all through

getting all the airplanes out of the air and getting the alert interceptors out, I was right there by his side on the battle staff."

Finkleman's job was to advise the commander. "It was like I was born for that day," he said. "Everything I ever learned everything I ever knew, all the experience I ever had, was brought to bear on that day."

Finkleman referred to himself as a "child of Sputnik." Though Sputnik 1's orbit was momentous, it lasted only three weeks, Finkleman's legacy spans more than four decades. Certainly, Sputnik would be proud.

(Information courtesy of NORAD/U.S. Northern Command Public Affairs)



STREET STRIPING

A contractor began re-striping all of the base streets Saturday. The repainting of all of the crosswalks and stop bars on base continues. Drivers on base need to use caution around these areas. Painting crosswalks will take about 30 days to complete. Direct questions and concerns to Steve Durand at 556-4952.

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Life Skills conducts Suicide/Violence Prevention training today and Friday at the base auditorium. The times are today at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m., and Friday at 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. Each briefing will last approximately one half hour. This is required annual training. If you have attended training since January, you are not required to attend this briefing. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Deirdre Morgan at 556-7804.

IMMUNIZATIONS CLINIC CLOSURE

The Immunizations Clinic closes at 2 p.m. Friday for a mandatory Commander's Call. Call 556-1118 if you have any questions.

'USED CAR CORNER' LOCATION

The Peterson Air Force Base Used Car Corner, aka "Lemon Lot," has been relocated from the Ent Federal Credit Union Parking Lot to the lot adjacent to Building 625 and the Auto Skills Center. The location is on Otis Street, between Hamilton and Ent avenues.

The fee for placing a car in the lot is \$5 for two weeks. Each vehicle requires a valid vehicle registration, valid insurance, and a Department of Defense base decal. Call the Auto Skills Center at 556-4481, if you have any questions.

HOME ALONE TRAINING

Peterson Air Force Base has devised Youth Supervision guidelines recommending that children ages 10 and 11 years attend a two-hour Home Alone Training workshop, to learn about being safe, taking

care of yourself and your home, problem solving skills, first aid, and more before staying at home without supervision for up to two hours. For information, call Dr. Karen Kirshenbaum at 556-7220. To sign up, call the Youth Center at 556-7220.

FISHER HOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

The Peterson Air Force Base Commissary recently announced the winners of the 2003 Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Scholarships. Peterson's three winners of \$1,500 scholarships are Johnathan Clyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Clyde, retired U.S. Navy; Brianna Schneider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Schneider, U.S. Air Force; and Joseph Veres, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Veres, retired U.S. Air Force. A Scholarship Presentation Ceremony is at 1 p.m., Wednesday, at the 21st Space Wing Headquarters to honor winners. Col. Diann Latham, 21st Space Wing Vice Commander, will present scholarship certificates to the winners.

COMMISSION SOLICITS FEEDBACK

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the 10th Medical Group June 2-6 to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards.

Anyone believing he or she has pertinent and valid information about quality-of-care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided may request a public information interview with the commission's field representatives. Requests for an interview must be made in writing no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request also must indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Requests should be addressed to: Division of Accreditation Operations, Office of Quality Monitoring, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One

Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, 60181. Requests can be faxed to (630) 792-5636, or e-mailed to complaint@jcaho.org. The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing by telephone, and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

PARENT-TEEN DRIVING SEMINAR

A Parent-Teen Driving Seminar will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 18 in the R.P. Lee Youth Center training room. Instruction on driving laws and licensing will be presented. The seminar is free, but seating is limited to 60 persons. Make reservations by June 17. Call the Auto Skills Center at 556-4881 for more information or to register.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS REPRESENTATIVES AVAILABLE MAY 29

Representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Kaiser Permanente, Mail Handlers' Benefit Plan, and PacifiCare will be available to meet with federal employees on matters/issues concerning their health insurance coverage 9-10:30 a.m., May 29, at the Civilian Personnel Flight training room. Appointments are not necessary. For more information, call Beverly Sagapolutele at 556-7073.

UNITS NEEDED TO HOST BONE MARROW REGISTRATION DRIVES

Organizations and groups are needed to host a unit or base-wide registration drive to recruit potential life-saving bone marrow donors for the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program. Hosting a drive is an important, worthwhile event that takes minimal time and effort. For details, call Master Sgt. Kristin Clark at 556-3152, or e-mail kristin.clark@peterson.af.mil.



Protestant Worship Services:
Liturgical Service, 8:15 a.m.
Traditional General
Protestant Service, 11 a.m.
Gospel Service, 12:30 p.m.

Catholic
Weekday Mass, 11:35 a.m. (except Monday)
Saturdays, 5 p.m.
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Reconciliation Saturdays, 4 p.m.

**For more information -
Call the chapel at 556-4442 for available
chapel programs.

Team Army Space marches for the tiniest soldier

By Sharon L. Hartman

Army Space Command Public Affairs

What began as two ladies desiring an outing with their children, quickly turned into 17 Army Space Command members and their families teaming up for the smallest member of the ranks.

Anjoleen Baca, Electronics Engineer, and Cassandra Shigley, a Telecomm Specialist with the Wideband Gapfiller, decided to participate in the March of Dimes annual WalkAmerica as a chance to do something together with their children. They had just decided to invite other members of their section, when Lt. Col. Robert King, ARSPACE Command Chief of Operations Division, asked them if they would open it up to the entire command, and coordinate a team effort.

Baca, a volunteer with the Ronald McDonald house, and no stranger to charity fundraising, took on the mission.

"The March of Dimes is an organization that focuses on prenatal, premature, and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit programs," said Baca. "As a team, we needed to sponsor an Ambassador Family.

"We looked first within the command to see if we could sponsor one of our own as our Ambassador family.



US Army Space Command photo

Soldiers and family members of Army Space Command pose for a Team Army Space photo under the WalkAmerica Banner for the March of Dimes fund-raising event. Money raised by Team Army Space went to help a child born prematurely.

Unfortunately, in the only one that we could find, the father was deployed, so the family had left the area to be with other family members.

"Since I volunteer with the Ronald McDonald House, I knew we would be able to find a family there, and that is how we found our Ambassador family, the Umdens."

The Umden baby thus became the smallest member of the ranks.

After an emergency caesarean section, William Umden was born nine-

weeks early to Emily and Gerry Umden of Pueblo, Colo. He was taken to Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he stayed for nearly a month in the NICU.

Unable to make the daily drive while recuperating from the caesarean section, and unsure of how to afford the cost of staying in Colorado Springs, the Umden's turned to the Ronald McDonald House, and that's where Baca found them.

With the Ambassador family

selected, Baca started the process of recruiting members of Army Space Command to participate. Each participant had to find people who would sponsor him or her with a donation. In addition to that, Baca sold candy bars and extra team ARSPACE T-shirts to be added to the overall donation.

"We had never done this before, so we didn't know what to expect, but set a goal of 10 walkers and \$1,000," said Baca.

"I was also informed, that in the 33 years they have done the walk in Colorado Springs, this is the first year that the Army has had a team."

In the end, 17 walkers, both soldiers and civilians, plus many family members, took on the challenge of either the 2.5-mile or the 5-mile walk with the Army Space Headquarters and Headquarters Company guide leading the way.

A total of \$1,144 was raised for the March of Dimes.

Unfortunately, little William and his parents were unable to make it to the walk, because William ended up back in the hospital the night before with a fever.

On a good note, the littlest "soldier" was only battling a new tooth this time, but the money raised by the Army Space team will assist him in the bigger battles he has yet to face.

Blotter

The following real-life events with real individuals from around the Peterson Complex are to inform you of crimes, accidents, and events occurring on base. The following entries are from hundreds recorded in the Peterson Police Blotter:

***Editor's note: Although the Space Observer staff may make 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.*

MOTORCYCLE MADNESS - May 8

A government employee reported a minor accident at the Fitness Center, where a motorcycle ridden by a military member smacked into a parked vehicle, and was leaking fuel. Base fuels arrived and cleaned up the spilled fuel. Seems the motorcycle was illegally parking and ran into the parked car, scratching the motorcycle's right rear view mirror and exhaust pipe. The unsuspecting car suffered a dent and multiple scratches to the driver's front door. The bonking biker was cited for an illegally parked vehicle, and reminded that a motorcycle's brakes are on its handlebars.

MEDICAL RESPONSE #1 - May 8

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and American Medical Response services responded to the Fitness Center, where a military member was complaining of a possibly hyper-extended left knee. AMR personnel transported the individual to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

EAGLE EYES - SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUAL - May 8

A military member reported to Security Forces a suspicious female taking notes outside the North Gate adjacent to Platte Avenue. The female stated she was waiting for a friend, and was just writing in a notebook. The female's friend arrived and they departed in the direction of the Space Village. The Air Force Office of Special Investigations was contacted, and accomplished a Talon Report on the incident.

THIEF BURGLES BROWN BOMBER - May 8

Security Forces responded to Envision Xpress, where a civilian employee reported that a tall Caucasian male had stolen a jacket. The employee stated that the suspect entered the store and asked about purchasing an A2 Brown Bomber Jacket. The individual went to the back, and tried the jacket on. The individual next asked about trying on a large fleece sweater. By the time the employee returned with the sweater, the thief had jetted with the jacket. Anyone seeing a tall guy sporting a new jacket is encouraged to contact 21st SFS.

MEDICAL RESPONSE #2 - May 9

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and AMR responded to the Space Warning System Control facility, where a contract civilian was having difficulties breathing. AMR personnel transported the individual to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

ASSISTANCE RENDERED - May 9

Security Forces at the West Gate rendered assistance to a military family member whose car was overheat-

ing. The Fire Department responded due to radiator fluid and engine oil leaking from the vehicle, and cleaned up the spill. A local towing company removed the leaking locomotor from the installation.

STINKY STEALER PURLOINS PERFUME - May 9

Security Forces responded to the Base Exchange, where a civilian employee was detaining a retired military family member for shoplifting a bottle of women's perfume valued at \$36. The thief was transported to Security Forces headquarters to be turned over to Colorado Springs Police Department. The sponsor stated she was unaware that her daughter had taken the cologne, which raises the question, "If the sponsor was aware, wouldn't the theft have been prevented?"

HARASSING HOOLIGAN? #1 - May 9

Security Forces responded to Dormitory 1270, where a military member reported possibly harassing behavior. She stated that another military member had followed her from the base library to her room. When she asked the individual to leave, he placed his foot at the door, preventing her from closing it. Security Forces began searching for the individual, and his First Sergeant was briefed on the complaint. The individual was later interviewed by Security Forces, and stated he did not mean to frighten the complainant. He was advised not to contact the individual, and to meet with his First Sergeant.

VANDALIZED VEHICLE - May 9

Security Forces responded to a report of vehicle damage in the parking lot of the BX. A civilian employee returned to his 1987 Jeep Wrangler after work, and discovered baby powder and soap on the seats. He identified a civilian as a possible suspect. Security Forces recommended the individual file a report with the CSPD.

BACK & BONK - May 9

Security Forces responded to a minor accident involving two government vehicles in the parking lot of the Transportation Compound. A civilian employee was backing a van out of a parking space when it struck a parked car. Investigation revealed that, due to a blind spot, no spotter, and inadequate clearing, the car could not have been seen in the van's mirrors. Damage to the van consisted of a dent and paint transfer on the right rear quarter panel. The car sustained a paint transfer on the left rear bumper.

SUSPECTED SOUSED CIVILIAN #1 - May 9

Security Forces at the West Gate had stopped a civilian driver during 100 percent ID checks, when officers detected a strong smell of alcohol. When asked for his identification, the loopy looney handed over his personal credit card. CSPD arrived to take over the situation with the civilian. A passenger took custody of the vehicle, and removed it from the installation.

SUSPECTED SOUSED CIVILIAN #2 - May 11

Security Forces at the North Gate reported a car had attempted to enter the inbound lane while the gate was closed. The vehicle had run over two cones, and would not yield when requested to stop. The vehicle was stopped and jurisdiction was turned over to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, who initiated field sobriety measures and detained the driver for Suspicion of Driving under the Influence. With permission from the driver, Security Forces moved the vehicle from the North Gate to the Space Village Parking Lot.

HARASSING HOOLIGAN? #2 - May 11

A military member reported possible harassment to Security Forces. She stated she expressed no interest in a relationship with another military member, but that

he was persistent in the matter. She further stated the harassment had occurred on and off the installation. The individual was advised to file a report through CSPD if this has occurred off the installation. Attempts to contact the subject of the complaint met with negative results, but his First Sergeant was contacted and briefed on the complaint.

GAS & GO - May 12

Security Forces responded to the Shoppette, where an employee reported that a patron in a white Nissan Maxima had driven off without paying for gasoline. When apprehended by Security Forces, the individuals in the vehicle both indicated they thought the other person was paying for the gasoline, and it was a miscommunication on who was paying (oh, yeah?). They were escorted back to the Shoppette, and the gasoline was paid for.

PROFANITY IN THE PARK - May 12

Security Forces responded to the skate park area in base housing, where a military member reported that his daughter was playing at the park when she was harassed, and abusive language was directed at her by another child. She then departed the park area and went home. Her father returned to the park and asked the subject what had been said, and asked his name and sponsor's name. He called Security Forces with his complaint, and accompanied his daughter and another witness to the Security Forces facility to make statements. Contact was made with the subject's sponsor and the sponsor's First Sergeant.

MISSING FLAG - May 14

Security Forces responded to NORAD Headquarters, where a military member reported he had noticed the flag in one of the offices was missing from its location. He had sent e-mails to personnel asking whoever may have taken the flag to please return it, but ended with negative results.

CLUMSY WITH CLASSIFIED - May 14

Security Forces responded to a possible security incident at the Base Destruction Facility. A civilian employee of the facility reported that, while opening a burn bag, he noticed there were top-secret messages mixed in with secret messages. He astutely knew that top-secret messages are not allowed to be in a bag with secret messages, and are to be dropped off by appointment only. The incident is under investigation.

MEDICAL RESPONSE #3 - May 14

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and AMR responded to base housing, where a military family member requested assistance for her 3-year-old son who possibly had bronchitis. AMR personnel transported the child to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

AN 'ALARMING' TREND:

In addition to these entries, there continue to be too many alarm activations on base. Among those noted by Security Forces this week were two involving doors that were held open, accidental triggering of alarms by personnel, and people not using proper procedures when entering or exiting facilities. Other responses involved malfunctioning alarms.

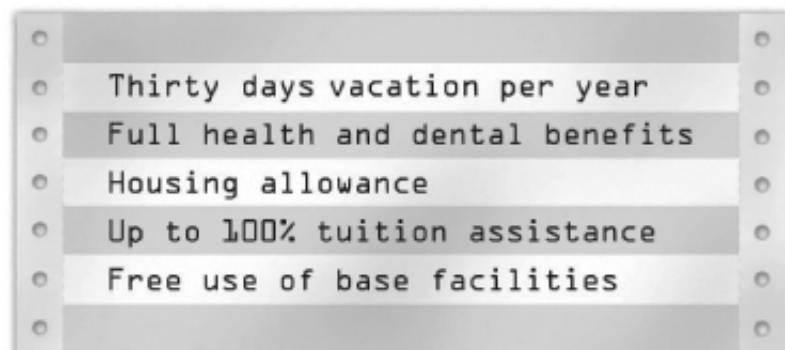
*** If you have any information on a crime, report it to Security Forces at 556-4000.*

Click It or Ticket

The 21st Space Wing Supplement to AFI 31-204 states "Failure to wear seatbelts while operating a motor vehicle, or failure to have passengers wear seatbelts while riding in a motor vehicle – the vehicle operator will receive a 30-day suspension/revocation of installation driving privileges."

During the "Click It or Ticket" mobilization, military police will intensify enforcement of child passenger safety laws, seat belt laws and impaired driving laws by working with 21st SFS to set up checkpoints on 21st SW installations. Drivers failing to restrain themselves and their child passengers will be ticketed according to the law.

(Courtesy of 21st Space Wing Safety Office)



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ARMED FORCES WEEK 2003

Local community members and organizations team up to support the military



Photos by G. Dennis Plummer

Above: One hundred troops representing different services and installations were presented medallions for their service.

Below: Staff Sgt. Levi Wilson (left), his dog Endy, and Staff Sgt. Bruce Estepe (right), answer questions for the crowd after a military working dog demonstration.



Community members take an up-close look at a CH-47D Chinook helicopter from Fort Carson's 7th/158th Aviation Regiment. The helicopter display was one of many military attractions at the Interquest-Rotary-sponsored "Join-R-Forces" Day at Memorial Park Saturday.



Commentary: We are part of a great community!

By Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke
21st Space Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant

Colorado Springs really stepped up and took the time to recognize the contributions of our military people from all services this past week. Armed Forces week was May 11-17 this year, and the red carpet was rolled out for all our military services and local installations.

The Chamber of Commerce put on a stellar luncheon for the area's best from Peterson Air Force Base, including people from NORAD/Northern Command, Air Force Space Command, the 21 Space Wing, to include Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, and a host of associate units. Military members from Fort Carson, Schriever Air Force Base, and the United States Air Force Academy were also recognized.

The top 12 military personnel in the local area were recognized on May 14 at a Broadmoor Hotel luncheon. These people competed against all personnel of their service, to include Guard and Reserve personnel, from their respective service and were selected as the best of the best. From them, three winners were announced. They were: Army Spc. Mathew G. Thomas, Tech. Sgt. James Robinson, and Army



A bald eagle spreads its wings for spectators. The eagle was presented by Hawk Quest, a division of Discovery Animal Kingdom.

Sgt. 1st Class Mark A. Lawson. What a great program and recognition for our military members.

Then on May 15, The U.S. Air Force Band of the Rockies put on a phenomenal concert in honor of our veterans and our nominees. Another resounding event that got everyone on their feet as they remembered tunes from past war campaigns. We are part of a great community!

On Saturday, the Interquest-Rotary sponsored "Join-R-Forces" day at Memorial Park, where an estimated 2,000-plus people came out to recognize our troops from all area installations. One hundred troops, representing different services and installations, were all presented medallions for their service. The medallion held a coin representing a military tradition. "These 100 people represented literally thousands of local troops we wanted to thank," said Tony Fagnant, a Rotary official.

To mimic TV commercials, it could be said that the coins cost money, the program in the park costs money, but the proud smiles on the faces of the 100 people were priceless.

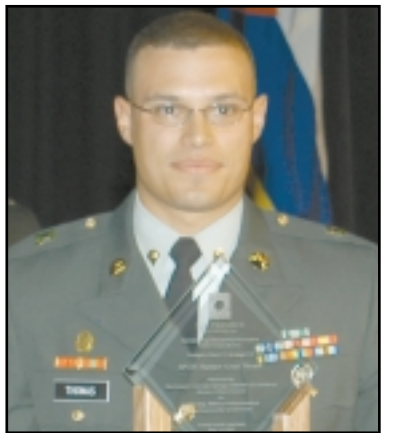
Overall it was a fabulous week, capped off by numerous ceremonies in the area recognizing the commitment of our military members. It is nice to be part of a community and a nation that knows where its freedom came from, how it is maintained, and how we will protect our futures.

If someone thanks you for your service, be sure to acknowledge them. For it's obvious the people of Colorado Springs care about our country, its military, and its military people. Thanks to all for your service. Thanks to all in our local community who made this Armed Forces Week a great one!



Civil Air Patrol members post the colors for Join R Forces Day celebrations.

'Best of the Best' award winners



Army Spc. Mathew G. Thomas, 759th Military Police Battalion, Fort Carson



Tech. Sgt. James P. Robinson, 10th Communications Squadron, U.S. Air Force Academy



Army Sgt. 1st Class Mark A. Lawson, Combined Intelligence and Fusion Center, Peterson Air Force Base

Photos by Staff Sgt. Lawrence M. Holmes



A T Y O U R S E R V I C E

This Week

Today

■ Common Sense Parenting, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Peterson Air Force Base Library

Friday

■ Deployed Spouse Social, 10 a.m., at the Family Support Center

Saturday

■ Synchronized swimming, every Saturday, 8-10 a.m., at the Aquatics Center
■ White water rafting, every weekend, with Outdoor Recreation

Sunday

■ Bowling Center closed Sundays and Mondays

Memorial Day

■ Aquatics Center, Auto Skills Center, Bowling Center, Community Activities Center, Enlisted Club, Officers' Club, and Outdoor Recreation are closed.

Wednesday

■ Story Time, 10:15 a.m., at the Base Library
■ Oriental Food Buffet, 5-7 p.m., at the Enlisted Club
■ Money Smart, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Family Support Center
■ Small Business, 8 a.m.-noon, at the Family Support Center
■ Mongolian Barbecue, 6-8 p.m., at the Officers' Club

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers' Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support 556-6141
- Red Cross 556-9201

This Week

Recognizing those who care, teach

By Lt. Col. Teresa Wheeler
Involved Parents Group Chairperson

May is Provider Appreciation Month, recognizing those individuals, Early Childhood Education Teachers, who care for children at the many facilities and homes here on Peterson. This includes the two Child Development Centers, known as CDC Main and the CDC Annex, the Youth Center and individual homes certified for Home Care.

In addition to child care providers at each location, the Peterson program relies on staff members to ensure the facilities and child development programs run smoothly. Team Pete is fortunate to have programs for children ranging from 6 weeks to 12 years old. CDCs provide up to 50 hours of care per week for children between the ages of 6 weeks to 5 years old.

The Youth Center has before- and

after-school programs for children between the ages of 5 to 12, and a part-day enrichment preschool program for children 3-5 years old. The Home Care Program provides care for up to six children per home, between 6 weeks and 12 years old.

The Involved Parents Group decided to thank the ECE teachers and staff members by holding two primary activities during the month of May. The first activity was a dinner, held May 9 at the Peterson AFB Officers' Club, to recognize and honor those providing home care.

The event featured a dinner, highlighted by a videotape presentation, and recognizing the Home Care Provider of the Year, Anna Centeno.

For a second event, the Involved Parents group prepared lunch Tuesday for the ECE teachers and staff at the Youth Center and CDC facilities. In

addition to lunch, each person received a small pewter apple shaped key chain with the inscription, "Those who care teach." The lunch also featured a prize drawing.

The lunch and drawing were small gestures to say, "thank you" to those who play an important role in the lives of Team Pete's children. The Involved Parents Group is grateful for the care the ECE teachers provide.

The Involved Parents Group generated a tremendous amount of support to thank those who care for Team Pete's children. Parents volunteered their time to prepare baked goods, create flyers, and help prepare the 140 lunches for the event. Several parents donated gift certificates and other prizes used in the drawing.

Even deployed parents were involved by sending funds to support this year's activities.

Centeno is Home Care Provider of the Year

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Peterson's Home Care Provider of the Year was announced at a dinner May 9 at the Peterson Air Force Base Officers' Club. Anna Centeno has been a Family Child Care Provider for two years and currently cares for six children in her home. She has two school-age children of her own.

This is the second year in a row that Centeno has been named the Provider of the Year.

"She was shocked, but excited

about her win," said Tracy Bovasso, Family Child Care Coordinator.

Centeno enjoys working with children, and providing child care services on Peterson. She would definitely recommend it to others as a great way to earn extra income, while still being home for her family.

Along with recognition as Peterson's Home Care Provider of the Year, she received an all-expense-paid trip to Buffalo, N.Y. to attend this year's Air Force Family Child Care Conference, and the National Family Child Care Conference in July.



Photo by Roberta McDonald
Peterson's Home Care Provider of the Year, Anna Centeno, is presented with the award by 21st Mission Support Group Deputy Commander, Lt. Col. Russell Porter.

ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Lunch: Liver with Onions Orange Spiced Pork Chop Tempura Fried Fish Broccoli Peas and Carrots Steamed Rice Rissole Potatoes</p> <p>Dinner: Pepper Steak Mr. Z's Baked Chicken Ginger Pot Roast Mixed Vegetables Green Beans Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes</p>	<p>Lunch: Beef Corn Pie Seafood Newburg Veal Paprika Steaks Mustard Greens Harvard Beets Potatoes Pea and Pepper Rice</p> <p>Dinner: Yankee Pot Roast Simmered Corned Beef Pineapple Chicken Fried Cabbage Carrots Mashed Potatoes Black-Eyed Peas</p>	<p>Brunch: Creole Shrimp Savory Baked Chicken Swedish Meatballs Asparagus Creamed Corn Squash Baked Potatoes Noodles Jefferson</p>	<p>Brunch: Cantonese Spareribs Mustard Chicken Oven-Fried Fish Broccoli Combo County Style Tomatoes Peas Macaroni and Cheese Boiled Egg Noodles Sweet Potatoes</p>
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
<p>Lunch: Baked Stuff Fish Pot Roast Roast Loin of Pork Cauliflower Combo Green Beans w/ Mushrooms Oven-Browned Potatoes Steamed Rice</p> <p>Dinner: Chili Mac Southern Fried Chicken Beef Cannelloni French-Style Peas Glazed Carrots Mashed Potatoes Squash</p>	<p>Lunch: Salmon Cakes Teriyaki Chicken Veal Parmesan Fried Cabbage Succotash Parsley Buttered Potatoes Filipino Rice</p> <p>Dinner: Country Captain Chicken Turkey A La King Meatloaf Mustard Greens Okra and Tomato Gumbo Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes</p>	<p>Lunch: Cantonese Spareribs Szechwan Chicken Beef Stir Fry Cabbage Carrots Vegetable Stir Fry Parsley-Buttered Potatoes Pork-Fried Rice</p> <p>Dinner: Barbequed Spareribs Lemon Herbed Chicken Stuffed Pork Chops Cauliflower Combo Mexican Corn Steamed Rice Scalloped Potatoes</p>	

Team Pete kicks off 'Read to Lead' program

By Staff Sgt. Shane Sharp
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Pete members have an opportunity to broaden their horizons as airmen in the world's greatest Air Force as Peterson's Read to Lead program kicks off May 28, 4:30 p.m., at the Education Center.

"The idea behind Read to Lead was to establish a book club of sorts with the focus of reading books from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's reading list and then discussing the books in a friendly environment," said Master Sgt. Laura Velasquez, 21st Space Wing Career Assistance Advisor. "The result will be a relaxed, fun way of increasing professional development."

According to Velasquez, Read to Lead is open to all military and civilian personnel.

"Read to Lead can be a great program no matter what your position in the Air Force is," said Velasquez.

"It can help airmen and new officers get to know the Air Force and what it's all about as well as help senior NCOs and officers expand their knowledge," she said.

"The best part is that everyone will benefit from the discussion of Air Force topics amongst different ranks and career fields," said Velasquez.

The Read to Lead group will meet twice a month to go over books on the list. We will determine our initial book to read on the 28 May.


The CSAF Professional Reading Program began with former CSAF General Ronald Fogleman in 1996 to develop a common frame of reference among Air Force members – officers, enlisted, and civilians – to help them become better, more effective advocates of air and space power.

As part of the Developing Airmen Core Competencies, the reading list recommends books to all Air Force members that: deliver insights into Air Force history; analyze ongoing conflicts and their future relevance; furnish organizational and leadership success stories; and provide lessons learned from recent conflicts.

General Michael Ryan and now Gen. John P. Jumper have wholeheartedly embraced and continued the Professional Reading Program.

"Developing Airmen is at the heart of sustaining the greatest combat capability in the world," said Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. John P. Jumper. "The ultimate source of air and space combat capability resides in the men and women of the United States Air Force."

"We owe it to ourselves to continue our professional development to continue to hone our quality edge," he added.

Individuals interested in Read to Lead should contact Master Sgt. Laura Velasquez at 556-4824 or Tech. Sgt. Kevin Allen at 556-4940 for more information. 



Photos Staff Sgt. Chad Ohelo

Lt. Col. James Wolf (second from the left) leads the way with Staff Sgt. Nicole Tucker serving as guide as the 4th SPCS steps off in unison, marking the beginning of festivities at Alamogordo's Welcome Home Parade.

4th SPCS honored during welcome home parade

The 4th Space Control Squadron was one of the Holloman Air Force Base units honored May 3 in a "Welcome Home" parade put on by the city of Alamogordo, N.M.


The 4th SPCS deployed 56 members to two separate forward locations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 4th's mission is to provide space communications and data relay capabilities to theater commanders.

The parade also honored Pfc. Joseph Hudson, Alamogordo's hometown hero, and one of the seven prisoners of war from Fort Bliss, Texas, freed during the war in Iraq. Also featured was Holloman's 8th Fighter Squadron, the F-117 unit that dropped the first bombs on Baghdad, and many of the other local units who deployed to support them.

The 4th SPCS redeployed to Holloman two weeks ago. Some members had been overseas since before Christmas.

"It was a privilege to be able to

make a contribution," said Lt. Col. James Wolf, 4th SPCS Commander. "But we're equally happy to have everybody home safe and well. There were some very happy families waiting for those homebound aircraft to touch down."

(Article courtesy of the 4th Space Control Squadron) 



Master Sgt. Gerd Scheller is welcomed home from his deployment by his youngest daughter, Sonja. Sonja, still holding the sign she made for him, is 5 years old and was happy to have her Dad home safe and sound.



Leaders help subordinates reach the next level

By Maj. Bob Winters

821st Security Forces Squadron Commander

At every level, leaders and supervisors need to prepare their subordinates for greater responsibilities and challenges. They should actively identify opportunities for subordinates to reach the next level and assist in their development to guarantee success. Everyone has room to grow professionally, and leadership involvement can make it happen.

I personally experienced this as a captain Air Force ROTC instructor at the University of Virginia. My previous assignments had been very people-oriented, since I led Security Forces flights performing base law enforcement and security. In AFROTC, however, my supervisor further directed my development by introducing me to Quality Air Force and the responsibility of managing our administrative staff, in addition to teaching. Through this, I discovered essential elements of long-term planning and concrete methods

of managing administration that made me a more effective leader and manager.

I greatly benefited from supervisory guidance and was provided a key opportunity at a pivotal time in my career. In the same way, we all should strive to develop subordinates whenever possible.

Everyone who supervises hopefully recognizes growth potential in subordinates. For some, it may be small increases of responsibility like additional duties, while others can be shifted in the organization for exposure to other elements of their specialty. But, recognizing talent and finding or creating that change in experience is only the first part leaders must play. What comes next is most important.

Oftentimes, subordinates in new positions face situations they are unfamiliar with and need help. Regular communication allows them to explore their new experiences with someone who's been there. It also gives leaders the chance to provide essential advice and encouragement. Subordinates need to

understand that everyone faces challenges in new circumstances and that success may now be measured differently than before. Tools that worked previously may need to be adapted and new ones learned.

Support during this transition period is critical for quick confidence recovery, continued progress, and avoiding interruptions in the mission. Performance feedback at this time is crucial for the advancing subordinate. Having successes highlighted and supported to avoid failure provides a concrete path to growth.

In time, the subordinate will become as comfortable with this new level of responsibility as they were with the last. Then, they'll be ready for new challenges and other areas to master.

As you can see, this process takes active leadership and really never ends. But, it's definitely worth it. When subordinates grow, the organization and mission benefits from their increased confidence, skills, and abilities.

Manpower and Organization offers organization and individual effectiveness training

By Master Sgt. Kristin Clark

21st Space Wing Manpower

"It is possible to be busy – very busy – without being very effective." These words of Dr. Stephen R. Covey, bestselling author and founder/chairman of the Franklin Covey Company, may hit home for many. Now Team Pete can learn skills to be more effective.

The 21st Space Wing Manpower and Organization Office's certified Covey facilitators offer several training sessions throughout the year – these classes are wildly popular and fill

quickly, usually from existing waiting lists. Organizations can also request a class specifically for their personnel. Currently, two classes are available and more will be added later this year.

"7 Habits of Highly Effective People" is a three-day seminar that improves the personal and professional effectiveness of individuals so they can contribute to a more effective organization.

Through open participation and introspective reflection, the facilitation team encourages participants to see, think, and act differently to achieve bet-

ter results, both at home and at work. Participants receive a detailed workshop manual to use and personalize.

"Focus: Achieving Your Highest Priorities" (formerly "What Matters Most") is a one-day productivity workshop that helps individuals to focus on their most important goals and to think differently about how they spend their time.

Participants receive a Franklin Covey planner starter kit; a CD packed with useful information and software; and revealing pre- and post-workshop assessment tools to track progress.

Currently, all seminars are provided free of charge for 21st Space Wing personnel, while major command and other tenant personnel can attend for the discounted cost of materials only – training materials can be ordered using the government purchase card.

This training costs between \$300 and \$1,500 "on the outside," but Peterson's training is less than \$100 per person for either course!

For more information or to schedule a class, contact the wing's Performance Management Team at 556-3152, 556-7274, or 556-7823.



President presents trophy to academy team

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WASHINGTON — President Bush presented the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to senior cadets of the Air Force Academy football team during a May 16 ceremony in the White House.

The trophy is presented annually to the service academy football team that bests its academy rivals in collegiate football. The Air Force Academy Fighting Falcons have gone undefeated against Army and Navy since 1996.

"I'm proud to welcome back to the White House the Air Force Academy Falcons who have now won the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the sixth consecutive year and the 16th time overall," Bush said.

"The football rivalry amongst our military academies is one of the greatest traditions in our nation," the president told the cadets. "And the qualities that you learn on the football field will serve our nation in good stead after you graduate."

Head football coach Fisher DeBerry agreed.

"These gentlemen possess great character and leadership qualities," DeBerry said. "I'm just honored that the president would take the time to present his trophy to such an outstanding group of young men."

Although proud to welcome the team as football stars and champions, Bush said he was even more proud to be able to reassure fellow Americans that people of high caliber, quality and skill will serve in the nation's defense during such a dangerous time, allowing him to predict that the "United States of America will win the war on terror."

"The skills you have learned on the football field and at the Air Force Academy are going to be necessary skills to protect the American people from the true threats of the 21st century," Bush said. 🗡️



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Air Force Academy Cadet 1st Class Bryan Blew presents President Bush with a personalized football jersey during the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy ceremony May 16 in the White House.