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Soldiers from the 146th Signal Battalion from Jacksonville get in some physical training on the beaches of Patrick Air Force Base before daybreak Wednesday. The 32 soldiers arrived this week and are here to assist the 45th Security Forces Squadron with physical security and force protection duties. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

Army National Guard rolls into wing security

By Capt. Susan A. Romano
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers of the 146th Signal Battalion from Jacksonville arrived Tuesday to assist the 45th Security Forces Squadron with physical security and force protection duties.

After a week of local familiarization training, such as first responder and force protection, the soldiers are slated to guard the installation gates. This initiative is part of an Air Force-wide program occurring nationwide to augment installation Security Forces with depleted manning due to deployment rotations and continued reserve activations.

The Army National Guard unit also fills flightline security posts, conducts

vehicle searches and mans base mobile patrol teams.

Current world events may cause some to draw a conclusion that the Army unit arrived in response to the threat of war.

"The plan to augment our Security Forces was in the works for quite sometime and is not directly linked to the recent increase in the national terror threat level," said 2nd Lt. Michael McManus, 45th SFS. "It's an effort to alleviate our manning shortages we have endured since Sept. 11, 2001 and the deployments we're supporting.

"Our primary goal is to have the Patrick community embrace the Army soldiers as members of our community and understand their importance to

our mission as we face an ever-changing and challenging future," 2nd Lt. McManus said.

The platoon of 32 is billeted in Patrick's temporary lodging facility for their yearlong activation.

"The Army brings a large amount of motivation and skill proving vital to the force protection efforts at Patrick AFB," said Capt. Scott Sanford, 45th SFS operations officer. "With our increased deployment operations tempo, they are absolutely crucial to the wing's ability to sustain and enhance home-station security."

The guardsmen are trained in all aspects of local operations to ensure

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Outstanding is just the START!



Straight from the COMMANDER'S DESK

By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich
45TH SPACE WING COMMANDER

Hello everyone! Another super week in the books capped off by our annual awards banquet held last night. The results came in after the *Missileer's* deadline, but I want to be the first to publicly congratulate all of the winners and nominees for the great things you do for the wing, our community and the Air Force. Look for a nice spread on all the winners in next week's *Missileer*.

An important senior leadership announcement for the wing was made recently and congratulations are in order. Col. Cameron Bowser, 45th Operations Group commander, was selected to become the Space and C4ISR Task Force Champion at the Pentagon. He assumes his position in April and he'll be a huge loss for the wing, but it's a tremendous opportunity for Col. Bowser and I know he'll do great things for the space community at the highest levels of our Air Force.

But Col. Bowser isn't leaving just yet. After his change of command ceremony slated for March 7, he'll serve as the wing vice commander for approximately 45 days before moving north. With all the cold weather and snow lately, I'm sure Col. Bowser won't mind staying around the Space Coast for another couple of months. Congratulations Cam and the Air Force definitely picked the right person for this very important position.

A super strength about our service is when a quality person leaves another one is ready to step in and take his place. And this situation is no different as Col. Greg Billman, currently serving on the joint staff at the Pentagon is taking command of the 45th Operations Group. Greg has a wealth of space and missile experience and with him in command; the operations group won't miss a beat. We are lucky to have him and you'll hear more about this as the change of command ceremony approaches.

I know it isn't news that our wing and its tenant units have several hundred people deployed right now around the world. And depending on how the diplomatic front shapes up during the next two weeks, we could be deploying hundreds more. I thought it's a good time to readress some of the programs available to spouses

of deployed members and those who are also on a remote assignment. It's important to make these folks' lives as easy as possible with the tough situation they are facing. Here are some of the programs available:

Hearts Apart allows families to call via the DSN network to a deployed location from their home three times a week for 15 minutes. Give Parents a Break is held the second Friday of each month, from 6 - 10 p.m., and provides free childcare for children 6 months to 10 years of age at the Child Development Center. AAFES Star Card program allows cardholders to reduce the interest rate to six percent with no payments while the member is deployed while still using the card. A second option freezes the card while the member is deployed and interest is not charged nor do payments have to be made while deployed.

More programs include Car Care where spouses receive a free oil change and safety inspection at the base service station. The Phone Home Program gives free phone cards to service members prior to deployment. The video-telephone program allows families to use the Family Support Center or sign out a portable unit for three days to contact their loved ones using this method. These phones, however, may not be available at all deployed locations. Families can also sign out digital cameras, laptop computers and video recorders for a three-day period. This way they can film home movies or pictures and send them overseas - real morale booster for those deployed.

Don't forget the spouse support group meeting is held on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Family Support Center. Spouses are encouraged to share tips for "making it" and they can also speak with others in the same situation.

The bowling center allows free bowling for family members of those deployed on Sundays from 1-6 p.m., and spouses of those deployed bowl free from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mondays. The Auto Skills Center also performs free oil changes if the spouse provides the oil and filter.

These are just some of the numerous programs offered through the Family Support Center and other organizations here on the Space Coast. For more information, please call Tech. Sgt. Mark Tani, Family Readiness NCO, at 494-5675 or e-mail him at mark.tani@patrick.af.mil.

Along with this, if you live in South Housing, the city of Satellite Beach is offering a "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" program designed to provide free, quality-of-life, non-professional services for those with a military member deployed. This includes lawn care and even house cleaning.

The biggest problem the city has is people not calling and taking advantage of the program, so don't be shy. If you need some help, please call Fred Robitschek at 773-5139. He is waiting to help. Everyone is in this together and many people can't wait to give back to the community. So if you're a spouse with a member deployed or on a remote assignment, we are all here for you; all you have to do is call!


Recently, I sent a survey to all of our 45th Space Wing and local Space and Missile Center DoD civilian employees. Its purpose was to identify areas we can improve our civilian employees' job satisfaction, quality of life and career potential. I believe that our civilian employees are among our most valued assets, absolutely necessary to accomplish our daily mission!

Civilians are also the resident experts and continuity during military assignment rotations. In preparation for and during our Operational Readiness Inspection, our team - military and civilian - hit the playing field together and earned our Outstanding rating. That shows we have the "Right Stuff," but as you have heard me say, "Outstanding is just the START!" I believe areas exist to enhance our civilian employee's careers to further strengthen our team. That's why I released the survey and hope 45th Space Wing and local Space and Missile Center civilians participate.

I have chartered a Civilian Oversight Recommendations Team to help accomplish this objective. I asked our senior civilians to activate the COR Team, assess the survey results, and bring me recommendations. It's not the purpose of the COR Team to address individual issues. Instead the COR Team recommends wing-wide improvements that can enhance our civilian employees jobs and strengthen our entire military and civilian team. This is just the beginning. Very soon you will be hearing more about specific actions and initiatives ... more to come.

I know in this very dynamic time many people are on edge about the future and what might happen next. I understand this and will continue to keep everyone here informed of security changes or new deployments to the best of my ability. To that end, changes may come quick and this isn't the time to "disappear" on the weekend where it takes hours to locate you. Still have fun and enjoy life, but leave a good number where people can reach you.

Stay safe everyone and continue to do the great work you do for our Air Force and nation. Take care and God Bless!

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they are integrated into the Air Force security process.

Although the unit is based in Jacksonville, some of the soldiers hail from Tampa, Orlando, and other Florida cities, while some are from as far away as Maine.

Sgt. 1st Class James T. Harris, platoon sergeant for the battalion, is a 20-year veteran who was activated after retiring in 2001. Although his activation put a hold on his civilian career, he said he understands the mission at hand.

"We are motivated and very much dedicated to this mission and we are looking forward to working hand-in-hand with the Air Force Security Forces team," said Sgt. 1st Class Harris. "We hope to bring a different perspective to the Air Force, just from the standpoint of being a cross service organization."

The soldiers feel that the most challenging aspect of being called to active duty is the separation from their families.

"For some, it's also the separation from civilian jobs," he said. "But we know it's what we signed up to do, and we know it's in defense of our nation."

According to Sgt. 1st Class Sergeant Harris, the battalion is led by a superb leadership team in Jacksonville. "Lt. Col. James Gowan, our commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Steven Corrow, are just awesome," he said. "We are in daily contact with them giving them updates on our progress."

Experience is apparent among this group — among the 32 platoon members, their combined years of service equal 259 years.

"We have been treated first class since we arrived," said Sgt. 1st Class Harris. "Capt. Sanford and the rest of the 45th SFS crew are totally professional and accommodating to us."

Of the 32 assigned, all are enlisted except the platoon's officer in charge.

In addition to working rotating shifts, the platoon may also participate in any wing-wide exercise activity taking place during their tenure with the wing, Capt. Sanford said.

"Our goal is to ensure we work together as a team, while respecting the inherent differences between our services, learning from our collective experiences," he said.

AF Assistance Fund campaign kicks off

By Lt. Gen. Robert C. Hinson
AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND VICE COMMANDER

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Mark Feb. 24 on your calendars. It's probably one of the most important dates of the year for our Air Force family.

No, it's not a day off. It marks the beginning of the annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, which will continue for the next five weeks. It's the one opportunity we have yearly to truly take care of our own Air Force people, whether retired or active duty. In a sense, you're taking care of your own family.

There are four separate charities involved in the AFAF campaign:

◆ The Air Force Aid Society — The official charity of the Air Force helps eligible active-duty and retired Air Force members with financial emergencies. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members on active duty may also receive assistance.

Assistance is provided through grants or interest-free loans for such things as food, rent, utilities and other essential goods and services. The society also sponsors an education grant program and a spouse tuition assistance program overseas.

◆ The Air Force Enlisted Foundation Inc. — The home is located in Fort Walton Beach near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

The foundation provides indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people with housing facilities and related services.

Those eligible are widows and widowers, 55 and older, whose spouses were retired enlisted persons from the regular Air Force, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve.

The foundation also cares for retired Air Force

enlisted members, 62 and older, and their spouses.

◆ The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund — The village, located in San Antonio, is a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The fund contributes to the support of indigent widows.

◆ The Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation — This foundation was established in 1990 to provide free temporary financial assistance to indigent officers' widows. The LeMay Foundation has expanded its scope and now also provides free temporary financial assistance to enlisted widows and widowers.

Last year, in Air Force Space Command alone we received funds for our people in excess of \$1.3 million. That's money to a financially-strapped AFSPC member in an emergency, child care for parents, education grants for spouses and phone calls for deployed members overseas. Worldwide, 34,000 Air Force people were helped by other Air Force people through this program.

Here's something else you might find interesting: Less than a quarter of Air Force members chose to contribute to AFAS last year. I hope to turn that around in this command at least. Given our increased operations tempo, this will be even more important.

It's difficult sometimes to part with money, no matter what the cause. After all, you have to take care of the family you see across the dinner table every night, too. But making sure your Air Force family is taken care of is also important.

Feb. 24 is not a day off, but it is a day you can start making a difference for your Air Force family through your contributions to the Air Force Assistance Fund. Thanks to each of you and all you do to make us the greatest air and space force in the world.

Wing's goal to provide more assistance than last year

Verla Davis
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The Air Force Assistance Fund Drive begins Tuesday. The continuing theme is "Commitment to Caring" with a \$4.8 million goal to meet by May 9.

This goal, according Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche, will ensure AF charities can continue to provide the quality assistance members have long enjoyed.

"(The 45th Space Wing's) campaign will run for five consecutive weeks," said Maj. Christopher Leavey, AFAF project officer. "Our goal is to make 100 percent personnel contact by March 28."

Each charity has its own Web site. For more information go to <http://www.afas.org>, <http://www.afenlistedwidows.org>, <http://www.airforce-villages.com> or <http://www.info@lemayfoundation.org/>.

To make contributions contact Maj. Leavey at 494-2653.



with at least 50 percent participation,

In 2002, AF members and their families received \$24.1 million from AFAS and more than 34,000 people were helped.

Contributions to AFAS from Patrick members totaled \$14,815 and received \$124,238 in assistance.

"What a great return," said Chrissy DeWitte, personal financial management Program Manager.

"Sixty percent of our Hap Arnold grants were approved last year. That's \$1,500 per person."

According to Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Michael McGinty, chief executive officer of AFAS, last year's campaign Air Force-wide yielded 24 percent contributions from Air Force members and only 36 percent of bases did not obtain their goal.

This year's objective is to increase AFAF participation, therefore the Air Force Aid Society will reward \$2000 to every base that meets their goal

Manatee Cove first to earn clean marina award



Greg Liscombe, left, and Bill Baird raise the Clean Marina and Clean Boatyard flags during a ceremony Wednesday. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

By Capt. Susan A. Romano
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection officially designated Manatee Cove as a Clean Marina and Clean Boatyard for 2002.

It was the first time an Air Force marina was named a clean marina, while also earning the prestige of being the first military facility ever to be designated as a Clean Boatyard in the nation.

Representatives from the Florida DEP presented Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, with the awards at a ceremony held at the marina Wednesday.

Local and regional dignitaries attended the ceremony, including Sue Carlson, Brevard County District 4 commissioner; Mary Johnson, Orange County District 3 commissioner; Nancy Koepke, regional director for U.S. Senator Bill Nelson and Pam Gillespie, executive administrator for U.S. representative Dave Weldon.

"I am extremely proud of the men and women who worked incredibly hard to earn these

awards," said Brig. Gen. Pavlovich.

"Many people have heard me say, 'Outstanding is just the start,' and this is a superb example of how the marina staff has lived up to that motto."

During his speech, Brig. Gen. Pavlovich said the two designations are symbols of high-quality operations, and that the marina has a clear-cut vision for the future.

"This ceremony caps off countless hours of hard work by a number of folks committed to improving our waterways," he said.

"They have continually demonstrated sound, proactive environmental practices."

Rick Rollins, Manatee Cove Marina manager, said a lot of hard work went into earning the award. "It takes a concerted effort to maintain the high standards the state sets in order to just meet the minimum requirements," said Mr. Rollins.

"The Clean Marina Program teaches environmentally-sound management practices," said Jan DeLaney, FDEP Clean Marina program manager.

"The program is also designed to assure boaters of the highest quality services and facilities run by fully-trained personnel in marina environmental policies and procedures. Manatee Cove far exceeded these standards."

According to FDEP officials, one of the biggest benefactors of this program is the protection of Florida's natural environment. "FDEP is taking positive steps to protect our waterways for generations to come," Mr. DeLaney said.

"The program is really a win-win situation that benefits everyone involved — the base, the staff, and most especially, the boaters," said Mr. Rollins.

"It gives us some bragging rights, especially among other military installations, and we're very proud of that distinction."

The ceremony culminated with Bill Baird, assistant dock master and Greg Liscombe, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight, who raised the state of Florida's Clean Marina and Clean Boatyard flags.

The flags are recognized by boaters as a symbol of excellence in marina facilities and operation.

FADD Jam:

Family night features drunk driving tragedy

By Sue Walden
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Drunk driving doesn't only affect the victim and the driver. It's a family issue.

That's why Maj. Kimberly Finney, 45th Medical Group Life Skills Flight commander, has coined the phrase Families Against Drunk Drivers. And that's why her flight is presenting an interactive workshop to experience the reality of drunk driving and how it hits home, literally.

The FADD Jam, March 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Center, is geared for adolescents 13 to 18 years old and their parents. "We'll provide a 10-minute tape and then participants will be divided into three groups - perpetrator, victim and judge," said Maj. Finney. "After seeing how the drunk driver kills a teen who had great potential, the sides will present their case to the judge and come up with a punishment."

The event puts families in the middle of a typical drunk driving tragedy - with all the emotions and decisions to go with it, in hopes of educating and deterring drinking and driving. "This gives parents and teens more awareness of the full impact of drunk driving, whether it's the victim or the driver," said Ed Cole, 45th MDG demand reduction manager, who also is spearheading FADD Jam and has tailored it after similar successful events he sponsored in England.

According to Maj. Finney, a psychologist, an event such as this gives people a lasting mental picture. "This emotional experience gives them a way to express negative outcomes in a controlled environment," she said. "Emotional experiences give a greater behavioral change than words."

Although this issue is about as serious as any topic can get, the evening will be dotted with some fun. Before the event, from 6:30 to 7 p.m., participants can enjoy free pizza and drinks and win door prizes. The event follows, and the evening wraps up with a disc jockey spinning dance tunes for a family sock hop.

FADD Jam is open to the first 60 who sign up. To make reservations or to find out more about the event, call 494-4747 or 494-8234. "Since drunk driving is a family issue, it's essential that parents join the teens at this event," said Maj. Finney. Though FADD Jam is the first of its kind at the 45th Space Wing, Mr. Cole and Maj. Finney hope it will be repeated annually.

Airfield lands AFSPC operations awards

By Tech. Sgt. Lisa Lusé
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Operations Support Squadron captured the Air Force Space Command annual Airfield Operations awards by winning seven out of 13 and the Category 1 Safety Award. Of the seven awards, they won the Airfield Operations Flight Complex of the Year, Air Traffic Control awards and the Individual Training Achievement Award. All seven winners will compete at the Air Force level later this month.

It was the Airfield Operations Flight that led the way to winning this honored award with an "Outstanding" in 2002. Last February, the flight started the year by soaring high on the Air Traffic System Evaluation Program.

"We have an outstanding team of professionals and a strong NCO core who continually strive for excellence in airfield management and air traffic control," said Lt. Col. Austin Jameson, 45th Operations Support Squadron, operations officer.

Airfield Management ensures that crewmembers have all their safety and flight information. "We want to make sure the pilots are safe," said Staff Sgt. Courtney Lavender, 45th OSS airfield management supervisor.

They struggle to keep egrets, buzzard, osprey and wood ducks out of the way of the aircraft. "We are also constantly challenged with numerous bird strikes since the ocean is on one side of the runway and the Banana River is on the other," said Staff Sgt. Lavender.

Once an aircraft lands at Patrick, airfield management assists with positioning the aircraft on the ramp. "We ensure the aircrew has top notch services when they arrive and depart," said Lt. Col. Jameson.

The control tower is responsible for the operation of all aircraft within a five-mile-radius from the center of the airport up to and including 2500 feet. Air Traffic Control assists all aircraft with landing as they approach Patrick's flight pattern.

Airfield Management Senior NCO of the Year

After returning from a TDY in Afghanistan, Master Sgt. Jerry Jones stepped up to the position as 45th OSS chief of airfield management, who is in charge of all ground airfield operations and planning. While there, he set up an airfield from the ground up. These runway operations included clearing mines and painting the runway markers for aircraft to land. He also worked with coalition forces to gain navigation aids to land aircraft safely.

Airfield Management NCO of the Year

Tech. Sgt. David Goldberg was the man with the answers for the multi-week ATSEP

inspection that involved more than 1,000 questions to determine if an airfield is in compliance and providing safe and efficient services. He prepared base operation teams by streamlining emergency response checklists.

Airfield Management Airman of the Year

Airman 1st Class Michael Smith managed the Flight Information Publication program and that has saved the Air Force over two-thousand dollars annually. Smith's talent for computer management allowed Base Operations to transition from Hanger 800 to the new passenger and freight terminal without any disruptions in the flight operations.

Air Traffic Control Watch Supervisor of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Alexander Del Valle is the control tower's premier watch supervisor. During CORONA South 2002 and joint Navy/Air Force War Fighters Conference, he directed over 50 arrival and departures of VIP aircraft.

Air Traffic Controller of the Year

Staff Sgt. Carlos Hampton supervises the largest crew in the air traffic control tower and ensures flight safety and mission accomplishment at Patrick. He responded to an unidentified aircraft that flew in a shuttle launch no-fly zone. He directed a Civil Air Patrol aircraft performing a humanitarian search and rescue of a downed aero club aircraft.

Air Traffic Control Training Achievement

Tech. Sgt. Mel McBride juggles multiple roles as supervisor and trainer. He accomplished over 40 controller evaluations making everyone meet and exceed Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

He perfected a new front load training program designed for all newly-assigned apprentice ATC's. This program reduced ATC certification time by 40 percent. He is accredited for a zero-deficiency rating for the compliance of over 200 ATSEP checklist items.

He also spent countless hours on the ATC Master Task and Technical Reference Program.

Category 1 Safety Award

Staff Sgt. Jonas Paterno served as the unit deployment manager and processed three airfield managers for deployments in support of Operations Southern Watch and Operation Enduring Freedom.

He also served as the primary Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard manager that keeps the flying community safe from potential life threatening bird strikes.

He ensured the squadron had proper weapons for deployments and munitions for the BASH program.

Fight war on terrorism; be alert

By Sue Walden
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Vigilance is key to fighting terrorism and every person plays an integral part of the fight.

Pay attention to surroundings and remember that terrorists come in all shapes, forms, cultures and races. History shows that many terrorists are 18- to 23-year-old males and are single, but don't count on that description, because suicide bombers and other terrorists have been women of different ages and nationalities. Terrorists also use disguises to blend in.

The following checklist is courtesy of 45th Space Wing

Antiterrorism Office, Air Force Office of Special Investigation and the Space Gateway Security Office. Be aware of:

▲ Suspicious people watching, taking notes or asking questions regarding infrastructure of an installation, major event locations and historical places. This includes people parking, standing or loitering in the same area for days and/or nights with no apparent reasonable explanation.

▲ People who don't seem to belong near the installation, a major event location, historical landmark, and using a camera or video equipment, timing device and/or map.

▲ People attempting to measure security-reaction times, strengths and weaknesses; to test or penetrate security barriers.

▲ Repetition of two or more suspicious activities by the same person and/or vehicle in a one-month period.

▲ Suspicious people possessing or using night vision devices, global positioning systems near the installation, city or federal buildings, landmarks, railways or historical structures.

External and behavioral indicators of a suspicious person include:

▲ Unseasonable dress or conspic-

uous, bulky clothes

▲ Obvious or awkward attempts to "blend in" to a crowd.

▲ Repeated and nervous handling of parts of clothing.

▲ Profuse sweating, slow-paced walking while focusing on sides.

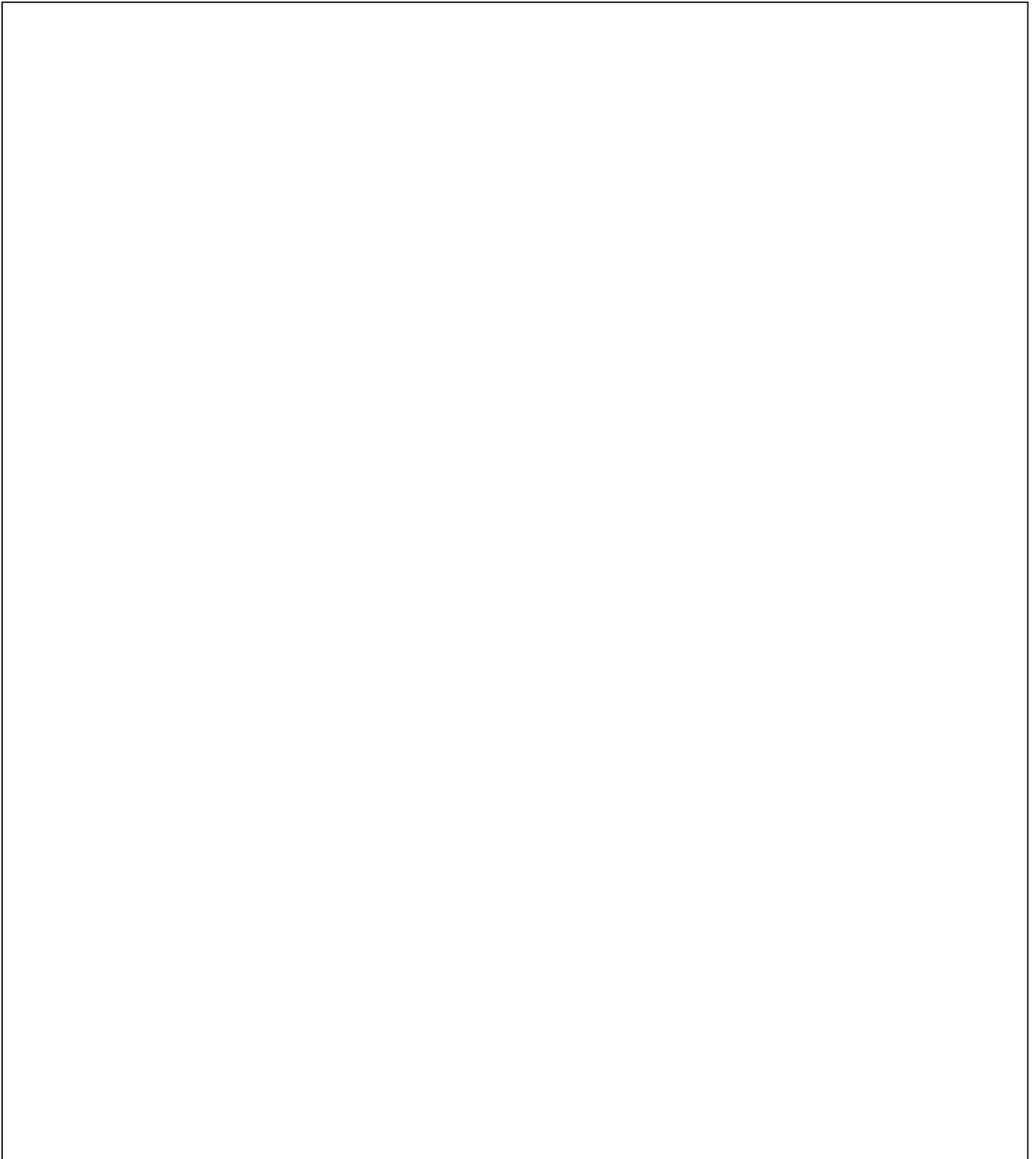
▲ Hesitant, nervous muttering

▲ Don't hesitate to report a suspicious person or activity.

Call the Patrick Security Forces Control Center at 494-2008, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station SF Control Center at 853-3093 or Office of Special Investigations at 494-5794.

If suspicious activity is observed off base, call 911 immediately.







Boxing up some love

Navy spouse Christine Ray and her daughter Emily prepare a care package at the Youth Center, for Christine's husband, who is stationed off the coast of Washington. The care package contains goodies, such as a disposable camera, courtesy of Disney, stationery items and artwork by Emily and other School Age Child Care children. (Photo by Verla Davis)

Heritage luncheon is Feb. 28

The African-American Heritage luncheon is Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. at the Officers' Club. Alberta Wilson, Central Brevard NAACP branch president, is guest speaker.

The menu is barbecue chicken, black-eyed peas, collard greens, tossed salad, corn bread and peach cobbler. Club members pay \$11; nonmembers pay \$12. Call 494-6334 for reservations and more information.

Awards banquet Thursday

The 45th Space Wing's Annual Awards Banquet is rescheduled for Thursday at the Officers' Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the banquet starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kelly Chaney at 494-4547.

Zoo needs volunteers

Volunteers, 16 and older are needed Saturday at the Brevard Zoo to help construction of its Africa exhibit. A wide array of tasks await the volunteers, from installing cable to raking. Volunteers should meet at the zoo's pavilion at 8 a.m. Enjoy coffee and a danish, courtesy of the Melbourne Jaycees. A free lunch will also be served and water will be available throughout the day. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bill Trainer at 494-8233 or Lynn Pickett at 254-9453, ext. 31.

Take a class

Attend the following Family Support Center classes by calling 494-5676.

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Gardening Class, Tuesday noon - 1 p.m.; Employment Orientation, Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - noon; VA Benefits, Tuesday 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Applying for AF Jobs, Wednesday 9:30-11 a.m.; Sponsorship Training (Bldg. 537, Room 118), Wednesday 9-11 a.m.; Job Expo, Wednesday 10:30 am. - 1 p.m.; Can't Cook, Won't Cook "Taboule," Thursday 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Pre-separation Briefing, Thursday, Thursday 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Tax help available

Most active-duty military, retirees, family members and reservists on Title 10 can receive free income tax assistance and electronic filing of federal income tax returns at the Legal Office, bldg. 52.

Schedule an appointment through a Volunteer Income Tax Assistant or call 494-4914.

Be on committee

The newly reorganized Patrick Spouses' Club accepts nominations for the 2003-2004 executive board. Elected positions include president, first and second vice president, recording secretary, treasurer and charitable treasurer. For a candidates questionnaire, contact Jayne Hazen at 777-3973. Applications must be received by Thursday.

Give blood

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Bldg. 401 conference room at Patrick. For more information, call Scot Branham at 494-2402.

MPF closes for upgrades

The 45th Mission Support Squadron, Military Personnel Flight's customer service is closed March 10-12.

Scholarships available

The Patrick Spouses' club is accepting applications through March 25 for their annual scholar-

ship program Scholarships are open to high-school-age children of active-duty military members stationed at Patrick AFB, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Antigua or Ascension Island. Pick up applications at any Brevard County high school or call Terri Ten Haken at 779-4255.

Annual health fair set

The Health and Wellness Center sponsors its annual health fair at the Patrick Fitness Center gym March 18 from 7-11 a.m. The fair offers a variety of health screenings and information from various military and civilian agencies. Free screenings include skin and oral cancer, visual, postural and more. Wuestoff Hospital provides laboratory testing including CBC, lipid profile, PSA and TSH at a nominal fee. Payment for these lab tests must be in cash or check. Those wishing to have lab tests need to fast for 12 hours.

Bring outdated medicine to the fair for destruction. For more information, call the HAWC at 494-2660.



Chapel feeds multitudes

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As the wing rolled out the red carpet for CORONA conferees, the wing chapel rolled out the red carpet for the workers last week, or at least laid out a daily feast.

Tech. Sgt. Chuck Caley, NCOIC of the base chapel and Toni Bearden, chapel secretary, got up bright and early every morning and made sure that the escorts and other CORONA conference workers had breakfast waiting. Some of the chaplains were on hand every day to greet the team as well.

According to the wing chaplain, it was an opportunity they couldn't pass up.

"The CORONA support staff was meeting here, these folks were pulling long days and their schedule really didn't allow them to stop. So we implemented this program of outreach and ministry," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Redmond Raux, wing chaplain.

The implementation began with Tech. Sgt. Caley going to the grocery store every morning. His grocery list consisted of fruit, bagels, muffins, cereal, oatmeal, breads, plus sandwich meat.

"Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas Unrath came up with the idea to have a lunch that the escorts or others who were working to support CORONA could take with them," said Ms. Bearden.

Workers also had the option of dropping in during the day since Ms. Bearden and Tech. Sgt. Caley kept the food out.

Thanks to the chapel members who donated the funds, the chapel staff didn't have to perform any miracles multiplying the breakfast. However, there were plenty of multitudes that came through.

More than 100 people were served each day. There were plenty of satisfied customers as well.

"The food was a warm welcome to all the staff that was working the CORONA conference. It was healthy while at the same time comforting," said 1st Lt. Elizabeth Davis, a CORONA escort.

"The chapel annex provided us with a location to relax from all the daily activities going on at Bldg. 404 (where the majority of the conference activities were held).



Toni Bearden sets out some bagels at the base chapel during the CORONA conference last week. More than 100 people were served each day. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)



The Patrick Honor Guard welcomes Secretary of the Air Force, Honorable James G. Roche. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

Wing rolls out carpet for CORONA

By 1st Lt. Eric Badger
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Patrick Air Force Base welcomed the Air Force's top officials to the Space Coast for the second year in a row Feb. 10 through 14 for CORONA South 2003.

CORONA is an event that occurs two to three times annually at various military installations.

It's an opportunity for the Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper; Secretary of the Air Force, Honorable James G. Roche, generals of major commands as well as Air Force undersecretaries to discuss policies, revisions, changes and talk about the future face-to-face.

More than 500 CORONA volunteers, who came from various wing organizations and tenant units, assisted with food, transportation, communications, escorting guests and other jobs, while others were "bag draggers" who made sure baggage went to the right owners, rooms, buses and planes at the right times.

"The attention to detail was absolutely remarkable and without a doubt impressed the general officers along with their staffs and the executive review secretariat for the chief of staff," said Lt. Col. Jack Sproul, 45th Services Squadron commander. "A comprehensive and complex plan was built and executed superbly; everyone demonstrated outstanding flexibility and determination to do the job right the first time."

According to Lt. Col. Sproul, planning for CORONA began in early November, immediately after the Operational Readiness Inspection.

"Last year's CORONA went very well and had the additional challenge

of the Air Force Space Command Commander's Conference just a couple of months prior," he said. "This year, our task was even more daunting because we had a vice chief of staff of the Air Force Forum for three-star generals followed by the Air Combat Command General Officer Steering Group Conference in late January.

"Plus, there was a Senior Leader Maintenance Course right at the beginning of CORONA. The same CORONA South 2003 team met all these challenges head on and conquered them."

Lt. Col. Sproul feels that all of Patrick's guests left the Space Coast rejuvenated and impressed.

"After many months of hard work, personal and professional sacrifices, this team has achieved the ultimate - a perfect CORONA South 2003," he said. "The teamwork and positive attitudes displayed by all the members of the CORONA South 2003 team were truly impressive. I am so proud of the professional men and women, along with the Security Forces Squadron working dogs that made up our team. Everyone was focused on putting on a successful conference and proving why the 45th Space Wing is the place to be."

Whether the Air Force's top leaders will be returning for another CORONA South has yet to be determined, however, if they do, the 45th Space Wing will be ready, according to Lt. Col. Sproul.

"Whether it was the military members, their families, civilians or contractors - the entire team performed like Super Bowl champs," he said. "Their performance was second to none."

Patrick member recalls year in AF Tops in Blue

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Staff Sgt. James Green remembers when he was an airman, sitting in a hangar at Misawa Air Base, Japan, and watching the cast of Tops in Blue sing and dance their way into his dreams.

"I was thinking then, I want to be on that stage," said Staff Sgt. Green, now the NCOIC of dental data and support element at the 45th Medical Group's Dental Clinic said. "I couldn't believe that was a military group performing."

Two assignments later, Staff Sgt. Green earned a coveted spot in the cast of the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase in 1995. The cast is comprised of active-duty members who perform 130 shows in 110 locations in the United States and overseas.

Staff Sgt. Green, a former music major at the University of South Carolina, will complete his degree, in business management. He points to his year on the road with Tops in Blue as one of the key ingredients to his success.

"I learned so much being with them," said Staff Sgt. Green. "I learned a lot of self discipline, learned a lot about dedication and I do know time management now."

As Staff Sgt. Green describes his academic career, he gestures with

his right hand and his silver Tops in Blue ring gleams in the light. His ring is a matter of pride. In fact, when it was stolen several years ago, Tops in Blue's director made sure it was replaced.

It's not the jewelry that Staff Sgt. Green is proud of, but what it represents. "This ring signifies a year of hard work. You don't get this ring if you don't complete the tour."

The year as a cast member was probably the toughest of his life, but also one of the quickest. It's not unusual for a cast member's night's sleep to be a nap on the bus as they traveled between venues. Eighteen hour days are the norm and 20 hour days aren't uncommon. They roll into town. The cast members who will light up the stage at showtime first have to set up the stage, then they tear it down.

Staff Sgt. Green found himself to be a powerful individual during his Tops in Blue days. "I'd never worked with electricity in my life," he said. "But I ended up being responsible for ensuring that every venue had the proper power. To this day, I know a lot about electricity," he said.

None of this is what Staff Sgt. Green remembers as the toughest part of being on the road. "The hardest part of the whole year was having to say goodbye at the end. The



Staff Sgt. James Green, 45th MDG Dental Clinic, is shown here singing a duet with Senior Airman Pearle Glasco in 1995. (Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. James Green)

people on the cast are still my friends today," he said.

Today, eight years later, Tops in Blue is so ingrained in him he can tell you where the cast is and what they're doing on a particular day. He can also tell you how many days until they perform at the Cocoa Village Amphitheater.

He's still giving back to Tops in Blue as well. He's helped judge and

select casts. Last year, he toured with the team for six shows, teaching them the German National Anthem. He'll also be at Wednesday's performance, hours beforehand with more than a 100 homemade cookies ready for his Tops in Blue brothers and sisters.

"Got to take care of family," he said with a smile, looking at his ring.

AF troupe performs for wing families in Cocoa Wednesday

By Mary Bell
45TH SERVICES SQUADRON

The musical showcase United States Air Force's Tops in Blue is about to arrive.

This harmonious ensemble of active-duty performers is presenting their world-renowned routine at the Cocoa Village Amphitheater Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Tops in Blue provides this free night of family entertainment every year to families stationed throughout the world at many military locations. Admission is free and no tickets are required.

Bring family and friends out for this evening celebrating the "Spirit Of America," the theme of this season's tour. Prepare to travel from

New York, Miami, Detroit and Texas, as the show includes big-band swing, hot Latin sounds, down-home country music, hip-hop

and pop. The show's finale features a military salute to those who give their all every day protecting America's freedom in the popular "God Bless The U.S.A."

Entrants must have a military ID card to be eligible for the drawing, which takes place before the performance. Families can bring their lawn chairs or blankets to this event. Coolers are not permitted.

In case of inclement weather, an alternate site will be announced. Call 494-4375 for updates or 494-2630 for the latest information.

Directions to Historic Cocoa Village Amphitheater

Historic Cocoa Village is located in the old, restored downtown Cocoa area between U.S. 1 and the Indian River, adjacent to State Road 520.

From Orlando, travel the Beeline

Expressway east to U.S. 1 then exit south on U.S. 1 and travel three more miles, turning east on State Road 520.

From Interstate 95, take exit 75 east on to State Road 520 for four miles. Turn right on Brevard Avenue.

From Interstate 4, take exit 28 east on to State Road 528 (The Beeline). Exit on to 520 east and continue for 20 miles. Turn right on Brevard Avenue.

From Cocoa Beach, travel north on Hwy. A1A, then turn west on State Road 520 - the intersection by Ron Jon's Surf Shop. Travel exactly eight miles - across the Banana and Indian Rivers and turn left on Brevard Avenue.

From Melbourne or Titusville, travel along US 1 or I-95 and exit going east on State Road 520. Cross U.S. 1 and Historic Cocoa Village is one-half mile on the right.

Desert brings new views to airman

By Maj. Cindy East

45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The job is the same but the terrain is radically different from what Airman 1st Class Tricia Meinders is used to.

Assigned to the 45th Comptroller Squadron at Patrick Air Force Base for one and one half years as a finance cashier and customer service representative, Airman 1st Class Meinders has a new view of life literally and figuratively now that she's been deployed to Southwest Asia since Dec. 6.

She is learning what it takes to adapt and make the most of her new surroundings while gaining a new appreciation for the little comforts of life back home.

Sharing a tent with seven other women, Airman 1st Class Meinders gets up early, makes the long walk over gravel streets in her tent city to take a three-minute shower in the shower trailers each morning before work.

"Adjusting to different sleep patterns, bathroom schedules and eating schedules was difficult at first, but I would say that my strangest experience took place on my first day in country," she said.

Upon arrival and in-processing, which took about an hour, Airman 1st Class Meinders put her things in her tent and headed to work to meet

the crew she and others were there to replace.

"We were at work for an hour when an exercise alarm went off," she said. "We threw our gear on our backs and headed to a bunker where we stayed for about three hours.

"I hadn't ever been involved in an exercise quite like this and by the time we got through it was dark so I got lost and had to ask the fire department for directions to my tent row," she said. "It was quite an interesting welcome to my new location."

Despite her exciting welcome, Airman 1st Class Meinders felt well-prepared upon arrival due to pre-deployment briefings, complete with pictures of her soon-to-be digs, and reports from friends who had "been there, done that."

Her new desert landscape is comprised of lots and lots of tents, even more gravel, and not much else as far as the eye can see, which has given her a new appreciation for the little comforts of life back home, such as paved sidewalks, green grass and a comfortable bed.

"Entertainment is a commodity here so the little things like bingo night can be a night saver," she said. "Every person handles (his or her) time



Airman 1st Class Tricia Meinders, 45th Comptroller Squadron, has received a new perspective on the Air Force during her deployment to Southwest Asia. (Air Force photo)

here differently, but the best way I have found is to stay involved in activities as much as possible."

No longer a rookie deployer, Airman 1st Class Meinders advises those headed to foreign, undisclosed locations to ensure friends and family know that e-mail, letters and packages are important. Her two sisters set up a routine where each sends a letter once a week.

"You may think you can do without (the comforts of home) now, but it starts to get to you when you see everyone around you receiving little tokens of home," said Airman 1st Class Meinders.

"It isn't really the things they send you, but the simple reminder that you are loved that is so important."

Chapel opens hearts to deployed spouses

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A dozen Patrick women spent Valentine's Day without their man, but had a number of married men, whose wives didn't care, give the women their telephone numbers.

Some of the spouses of those deployed went to the Chapel's Valentine's Day banquet, held at the South Chapel, where the chapel community welcomed them with open arms.

Afterwards, couples swarmed around the spouses, offering whatever they could.

"Honey, give her our phone number," one silver-haired chapelgoer told her husband as she talked to Lisa Alvey, wife of Master Sgt. Tracy Alvey. "If you need anything, you just give us a call."

"It's really nice the way people stepped up for us here," said Mrs. Alvey.

The night served a lot of purposes for the women, other than finding babysitters and handy men to help out around the house and yard.

For many of them, this is a lonely time as their husbands are literally chasing terrorists on the other side of the globe.

"Many are in places that don't even have names yet," said Col. Steven Bible, 45th Contracting Squadron commander, as he addressed the group of 150 there

for the banquet.

"When they asked me about coming tonight, I was like, a night out, free babysitting, you bet," said Diane Sartori, whose husband is in the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The chapel picked up the cost of their tickets for the evening and provided babysitters. "We decided a long time ago when we were originally planning our banquet that we wanted to do something for the deployed spouses and this seemed like a natural fit," said Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas Unrath, 45th Space Wing protestant chaplain.

About a dozen women ended up taking the chapel up on their offer.

Some of the spouses are getting used to it. Stephanie Deal and her husband are developing an unwelcome family tradition. They have spent the last two Valentine's Days apart.

When asked what the toughest thing about the deployment was for them they all had different challenges.

"I don't like the being alone," said Stephanie Deal.

"It's hard putting the kids to bed at night without him there," said Mrs. Sartori. "That's usually something we do together."

"If I'm not careful, I'm always watching CNN, trying to figure out what's going on," said Kelly Villacio.

"The hard part is friends and family not realizing how much help you need," said Cathy Casado.

Each of the women listened to the other's answers and nodded their heads as each mentioned something they'd dealt with. They all nodded extra vigorously with Casado. "That's the truth," another chimed in.

Mrs. Deal, the deployment expert who's hugged her husband goodbye twice in the last two years shared a bit of advice for the group. "Trust me ladies, it doesn't get any easier either with experience."

Through the pain, they said they've all learned things about themselves.

"I realize I'm stronger than I thought I was," said Mrs. Deal.

Another found out that not only was she stronger, but faster.

"I have this kitten, and although it looks like a normal kitten, it's really the devil," said Mrs. Villacio with a smile. "Used to be that when the kitten got out, he would catch it. Now I know, I'm fast enough to catch that kitten."

Another shared that not only has she learned things about herself, but also about her husband.

"I really didn't realize everything he did," said Mrs. Sartori.

She brings a different perspective to the deployment experience. In Desert Storm, she was the active-duty military member deployed. Now, she's at home with three children.

"Now, I think it's a lot harder on this end," she said.

They all have their tales of woes to share, but they're quick to point out, they're just venting. They really wouldn't want this thing to be any other way.

They all got the news recently that their spouses weren't going to be home when scheduled. The Air Force froze everyone in place, to free up others for the possible Iraq conflict. Like all military spouses, they just nodded and moved on. "Yeah, I was disappointed, but I know if he was at home and something happened, he'd be chomping at the bit to be there," said Mrs. Villacio.

"He signed up to do this and he loves it," said Mrs. Deal.

"We gripe about it but we understand," said Mrs. Sartori.

For Debra Spalding, she and her 9-year-old daughter were supposed to be hugging their husband and father again this week, but it's not to be. Like the others, they got the word their countdown calendars were null and void, and no one was real sure when their husband and father would be home.

"This is what he's chosen to do, and I choose to support him," said Mrs. Spalding.

They all agree with the words of Tasha Frank, who's husband, a 45th Security Forces Squadron member, is patrolling the perimeter in a sandy base far away.

"You just don't realize how much you love him until he's gone," she said.



Spinning their wheels

The Fitness Center is open 5:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, weekends 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and holidays 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The pool is open 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and closed from 1 until 2 p.m. They offer several types of aerobics classes, spin classes, kick box-

ing and other martial arts classes when possible. There are also contract personal trainers and massage therapist. They also have a Fit to Go snack bar that offers a number of healthy lunch choices from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday - Friday. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

Women's golf results

The Patrick Women's Golf Association held their annual memorial tournament to honor their deceased members.

The low net golfer was Pat Lamm with a 63 and low gross was Marie Ernesti with an 82.

However, the big winner was the American Cancer Society of Brevard that received the \$900 raised by the tournament.

Volkswalk

A 5 or 11-kilometer kilometer Volkswalk is March 1 is in Coco Village's. The walk is non-

competitive and walkers are able to go at their own pace. It begins between 8 and 11 a.m. and walkers must be finished by 2 p.m.

The walk, sponsored by Patrick Pacers Volkssport (Walking) Club, is \$2 or \$3.

For more information, contact Ron at 452-9448, or email the club at patrickpacers@aol.com or visit the group's Web site at www.angelfire.com/fl4/patrickpacers.

Fishing trip

Outdoor Recreations' monthly Banana River fishing trip, that heads out with a guide and three anglers per boat, is Sunday. The trip is

\$20 and includes bait, tackle, rod and reel. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 494-2042.

Bench press competition

Cape Canaveral Air Force Station's 2nd Annual bench press competition is Friday at 3 p.m. at the Cape Fitness Center.

The Cape Fitness Center is open weekdays from 5:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Also offered at the Cape is aerobics class Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m. and weekly stretching classes

For more information, call 493-3966.

Action Line: 494-6550



**Brig. Gen.
Greg Pavlovich
45th SW
commander**

The Action Line is your direct link to me and provides a valuable source of information on ways we can work together to make Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station better places to work and live. The best way to get something fixed is to

identify the problem to supervisors and first sergeants.

If you can't get your problem resolved through the agencies, contact the Action Line: e-mail, action@patrick.af.mil or click global at Action Line – Patrick AFB; recorded message,

494-6550; mail, 45SW/PA 1201 Edward H. White II St, Ste C-130, Patrick AFB FL 32925-3237; fax, 494-7302. Address all correspondence "Attn: Action Line."

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Q My husband and I are taking a six-week diabetic management course at the Health and Wellness Center. I recently had knee replacement surgery. When I went in, I asked about using the elevator. They said, "Oh, we don't have an elevator," so I went up the stairs with my cane. But I'm surprised that with everybody being so pro-disabilities that there isn't an elevator at the Wellness Center.

A Thank you for allowing me to address your concern over accessibility to the Health and Wellness Center. The 45th Space Wing has investigated placement of an elevator in the Wellness Center; however, we find that to be a very expensive project. We have investigated other less costly alternatives, such as the installation of a chair lift at

the stair, but those alternatives appear impractical due to the type and amount of traffic utilizing the stair. However, your concern caused the Health and Wellness Center to research other alternatives to address the special needs of class participants and they have arranged for courses to periodically be taught at the Family Support Center. The FSC has recently been renovated and has the ground floor facilities, including a kitchen, to teach the course. Customers of the HAWC who are unable to climb the stairway to the HAWC classes should discuss the FSC alternative when calling to arrange an appointment. We will continue to make every effort to ensure the outstanding services offered by the HAWC are available to all beneficiaries.



Festivals

Friday Friday Fest The event, 6-9 p.m. features music, food, craft and business vendors, face painting, games, classic cars and more. It's in historical downtown Melbourne, Strawbridge Ave.

Parking and admission are free. Call 727-1741.

Saturday Celebrate Mardi Gras in the streets of Cocoa Village as its transformed into New Orleans' French Quarter.

It features jazz, blues, Cajun and Dixieland music plus Cajun and Creole food. Call 633-0806.

Theater

Through Sunday "Fiddler on the Roof" is present-

ed at Cocoa Village Playhouse, 300 Brevard Ave.

Adults pay \$15, seniors and students pay \$13 and children 12 years old and younger pay \$9. Call 636-5050 for more information.

Now - March 22 Phoenix Theater presents "Brighton Beach Memoirs." Show-times are 8 a.m. Thursdays - Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Adults pay \$18, students 18 and younger pay \$12.

Museums

Cocoa Beach Surf Museum is a collection of suf memorabilia. It's open 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. at 2370 S. Atlantic Av., Cocoa Beach. Call 783-0764 for more information.

Brevard Museum of Art and Science, 1463 Highlad Av., Melbourne is featuring "Rubadoux a Deux" through March 2. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday - Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Seniors pay \$5; students with an ID and children younger than 12 are charged \$2. Children under 2 years old enter free. Call 242-0737 or visit www.arlandscience.org.

Children's program

Afternoon art classes for young people are offered at the Melbourne Public Library 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Beginner chess club meets at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays. The library is at 540 E. Fee Av. Cost is free. Call 952-4514.

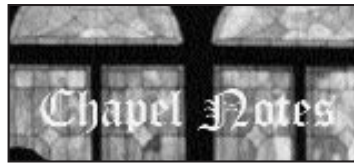


Friday *Catch Me If You Can* Frank lived a life of crime using his abilities of forgery and escape. FBI agent Shaye respected his abilities so much that he eventually worked out a deal that got him out of prison after just five years. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks (PG-13 for sexual content and brief language)

Saturday *National Security* Earl and Hank have only one thing in common. They're both L.A. P.D. rejects. As lowly security guards, they uncover a sophisticated smuggling operation. These two unlikely partners just might save the day. Stars Martin Lawrence, Steve Zahn. (PG-13 for violence, language and some sensuality)

Sunday *Just Married* Two young newlyweds find that their perfect honeymoon in Venice is turning out to be the worst one imaginable. Can the marriage, which many of their friends and family said was a bad idea, survive the celebration? Stars Ashton Kutcher, Brittany Murphy. (PG-13 for sexual content, some crude humor and a brief drug reference)

Show times are at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. All show times are 7:30 unless otherwise indicated. Admission is \$2.50 for adults age 12 and older and \$1.50 for children 11 and younger.

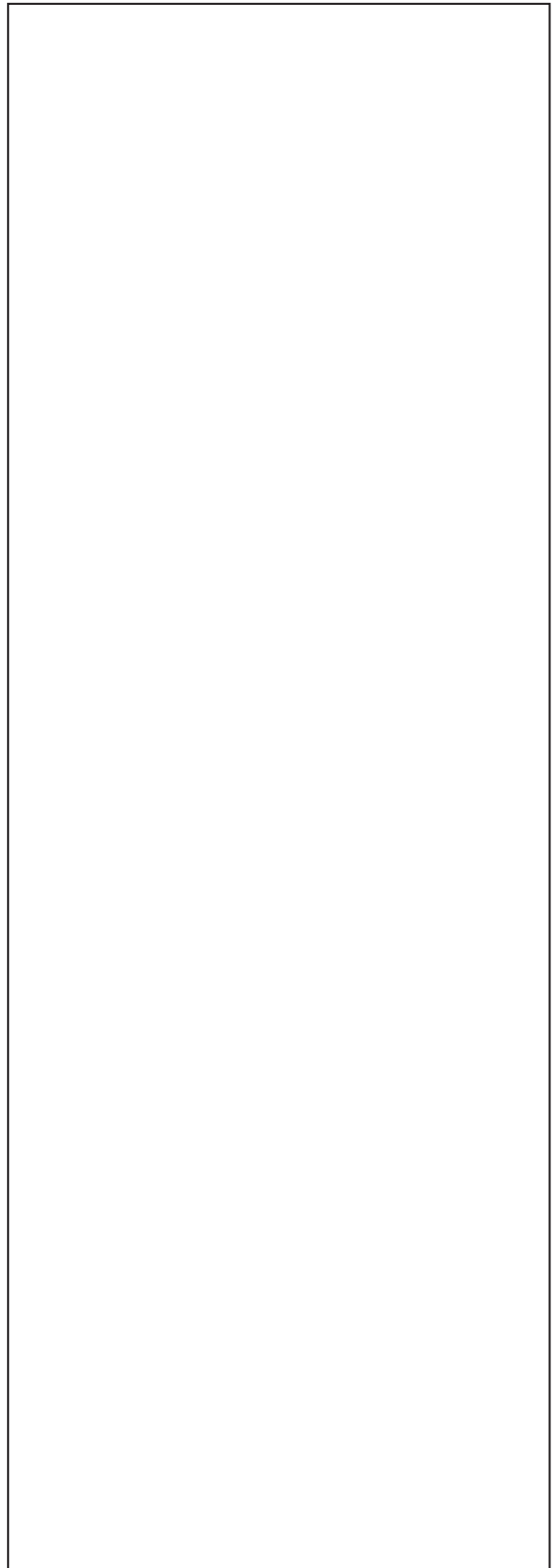
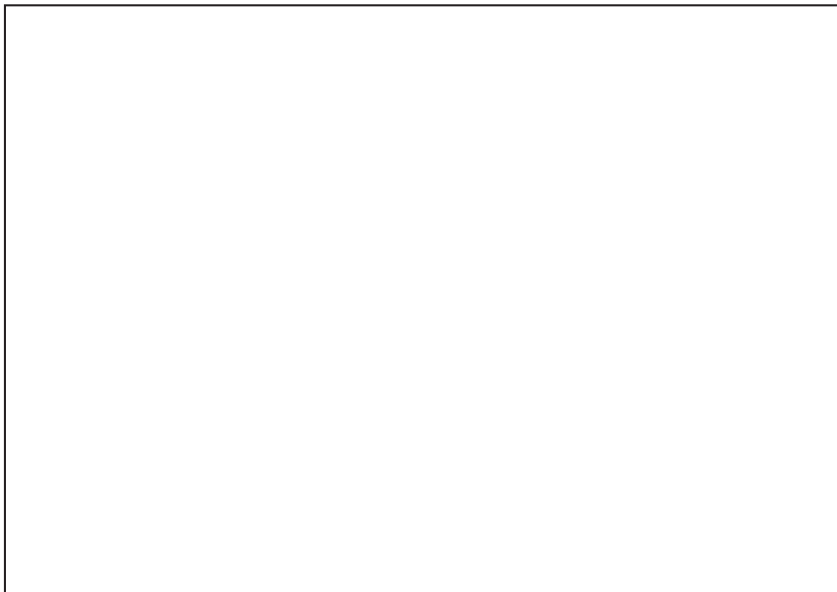


Catholic — Daily Mass 11:30 a.m. in the Seaside Chapel.
 Saturday: 4 p.m. confession. 5 p.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel.
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel and 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Seaside Chapel.
Protestant — Sunday: 8:30 a.m. traditional worship in the Seaside Chapel. At 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Seaside Chapel. Grades K-12 at South Patrick Chapel. At 11 a.m. Inspirational Service in the South Patrick Chapel. On Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. fellowship dinner in the South Patrick Chapel.

Riverside Dining Facility Menu

Saturday brunch - Cajun meat loaf, #crispy-baked chicken, ribeye steak
Saturday supper - #Fish amandine, pork chops with mushroom gravy, stir-fry chicken with broccoli
Sunday brunch - Chicken parmesan, sauerbraten, tuna and noodle
Sunday supper - Fried shrimp, #ginger barbecue chicken, #spinach lasagna
Monday lunch - #Baked chicken, simmered knockwurst, Swiss steak with tomato sauce
Monday dinner - Roast turkey, baked ham, fish and fries
Tuesday lunch - Grilled Salisbury steak, onion lemon-baked fish, yakisoba
Tuesday dinner - Barbecue beef cubes,

#paprika beef, pork chop suey
Wednesday lunch - Pork schnitzel, sauerbraten, Reuben sandwich, bratwurst
Wednesday dinner - Country-style steak, fried chicken, #pita pizzas
Thursday lunch - Liver with onions, orange-spiced pork chops, tempura-fried fish
Thursday dinner - Pepper steak, #Mr. Z's finger lickin' chicken, ginger pot roast
Feb. 28 lunch - Beef and corn pie, pea and pepper rice, #seafood Newburg, veal paprika steak
Feb. 28 dinner - Yankee pot roast, #simmered corn beef, pineapple chicken
 Menu's are subject to change. For more information, call dial-a-menu 494-2845. Item with an "#" are healthy choice.





Sweet Valentine for a sweetie

Airman 1st Class Audra Waldon, 45th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration, shares a Valentine's Day cupcake with her daughter, Briana, during a party Feb. 14 at the Child Development Center. (Photo by Marla Holbert)

Parents learn new recipes

Child Development Center parents are encouraged to attend a special hands-on workshop Thursday at 4 p.m. in the kitchen.

Naima Snelgrove will share healthful, fun snack recipes with parents.

Call 494-7028 for more information.

Extended child care available

The Extended Duty Child Care Program is administered through the Family Member Support Flight.

The Family Child Care coordinator supports the program by ensuring child care providers on Air Force installations are screened, trained, and licensed to provide child care.

The FCC coordinator monitors the homes and conducts unannounced inspections during the extended hours of operation.

The Extended Duty Child Care homes meet all of the requirements of the Air Force FCC Program.

They are especially sensitive to the needs of the children whose parents are deployed or working additional mission-related duty hours beyond standard child care arrangement.

For more information on the Extended Duty Child Care Program, call Tina Washington at 494-8381.

Bowling center specials

Don't let the month pass by without taking advantage of the bowling specials at Rocket Lanes Bowling Center.

Every Tuesday from 5-8 p.m., it's "all you can bowl" for \$6. For base dorm residents, show dorm keys and bowl a game for \$1.25. For information on these and other specials, call 494-2958.

Explore aviation camp

There's only one week left for teen family members to apply to attend the Air Force Teen Aviation Camp. This camp is designed for family members of active duty or retired military members, Nonappropriated Fund and Department of Defense employees and contractors who would like to explore the U.S. Air Force Academy as a possible choice for college.

The camp is located at the Air Force Academy in Colorado and runs May 31 - June 6. To be eligible, applicants must be a sophomore or junior in high school during the 2003 or 2004 school year.

A variety of outdoor and classroom activities is designed for this six-day camp. The Air Force will cover meals and lodging expenses.

Parents/guardians are responsible for air travel expense to and from Colorado Springs.

The application process including an interview requires several days to complete.

Forms must be completed and returned to the Youth Center by Feb. 28.

Contact the Youth Center for more information.

Membership has advantages

Air Force club members can present their cards at the following 45th Services facilities and receive discounts on various items throughout March.

Next month's specials include:

▲ \$15 off any custom framing order at the Skills Development Center (minimum \$50 order)

▲ 20 percent off the purchase of two children's t-shirts at the Information, Tickets and Travel office

▲ \$10 off an inflatable bouncer rental at Outdoor Recreation

▲ \$3 off microchipping at the Veterinary Clinic

▲ \$3 off a two-hour session of Rock' It Bowl at the Bowling Center

▲ \$5 off a range card at Manatee Cove Golf Course

▲ 10 percent off merchandise at the Aero Club's Pilot Shop

▲ 10 percent off a facility rental at Manatee Cove Marina



