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Col. Gregory Billman, right, accepts the 45th Operations Group guidon from Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, during a change of command ceremony at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station March 7. Col. Cameron Bowser relinquished command of 45th OG during the ceremony and is now the 45th SW vice commander until he departs for Washington, D.C. April 28 to serve at the Pentagon. As the 45th OG commander. Col. Billman oversees military space launch operations and support to commercial. NASA and ballistic missile launches from Cape Canaveral AFS and the Kennedy Space Center. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

### Manpower reductions planned throughout AFSPC

By Capt. Sean McKenna
AFSPC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, COLO. – Air Force Space Command will trim 1,125 employee positions over the next seven years as part of an Air Force initiative to realign more than 13,000 active-duty and civilian manpower authorizations by 2010.

The AFSPC plan calls for 756 positions to be eliminated across the command by the end of September 2004 - 314 civilian and 442 military positions. By the end of September 2009, the number of eliminated positions will grow to 1,125 - 349 civilian and 776 military. What positions will be trimmed and at what locations should be determined by the end of March, according to Col. Laurie Carroll, chief

of Headquarters AFSPC's manpower division.

"Historically, we've been able to work manpower reductions without causing individuals to lose their jobs, but there are no guarantees," Col. Carroll said. "Each AFSPC base will use a specialized group of personnel programs to minimize the impact on their employees while maintaining the viability of their mission."

These strategies include retraining military members, and offering priority placement and voluntary retirement and separation incentives to civilian employees. The command is also planning to delay or delete some planned initiatives.

Increased operations tempo, workload and security requirements created by the war on terrorism, as well as budget constraints have prompted the Air Force to review its manpower authorizations to create a workforce better prepared to meet future challenges and missions. The plan is to put more resources into its highest priority missions, including special operations, security and intelligence, which were heavily stressed after Sept. 11, 2001.

"We are committed to minimizing the impact on people as much as possible," Col. Carroll said. "No military member will be involuntarily separated. While we can't absolutely guarantee no civilian worker will lose their job, we're doing everything we can to trim positions without affecting current AFSPC employees. We're concerned about the

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Outstanding is just the START!





#### By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich 45TH SW COMMANDER

Greetings friends! Congratulations to the entire Delta IV launch team for the spectacular and successful launch Monday of a Defense Satellite Communications System satellite. After a couple of minor technical issues were resolved, the Delta IV blasted off at 7:59 p.m. Monday. After approximately 60 days of tests, the DSCS becomes operational in May and will aid our war fighters overseas fight the war on terror and any other war that may be in our nation's future. SUPER JOB!

I'm sure by now the front page and Page 3 articles on the Space Command manpower cuts and Stop Loss have caught your eye. I'd like to take a moment and address them both. Concerning the manpower cuts, I already have the manpower and personnel folks working a plan. Like a skilled surgeon, we are only going to cut what is absolutely necessary and with great forethought. It will definitely be a "measure twice, cut once" approach and not cutting slots by "a fast swing with a meat ax."

Regarding Stop Loss, our AF leadership struggled with this very hard. They know this is the third implementation in four years. But at the end of the day, they did what is necessary to carry out the mission of our Air Force. Instead of blanketing the force, however, they also took a "measure twice, cut once" approach and are only holding people in career fields where it's absolutely necessary. It affects career fields across the board. Flyers, maintainers, historians and lawyers were all held and not specific groups targeted, such as medics only. It's simply a function of shortages in certain career fields.

As always, if someone is experiencing a true hardship, work your chain of command to bring it to my attention. If there is a hardship, I will help the person work the waiver package. Remember, the list is periodically reviewed and specialty codes removed as warranted. I know it will be tough for some, but your nation needs you now more than ever.

Next week, our 45th Medical Group once again is being put through their paces for a critical inspection. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations/Health Service

Inspection team arrives Monday. This team is a joint civilian-military team evaluating every aspect of the group's capability to deliver medical care in support of the wing's launch mission.

Col. Chuck Mackett, the 45th Med Group commander, calls it his group's Super Bowl. I am confident his entire team is well prepared. I ask the rest of the

wing to lean forward and support this effort if called upon to do so. The wing leadership and I are welcoming the team at the front of the clinic Monday, 5:30 p.m. I invite you to join me in welcoming the inspectors and supporting the Med Group through this important inspection. We know they're the best in the business and a week from today, the JCAHCO team will know it as well!

With all that transpired this week, it's extremely obvious we've reached a pivotal point regarding the situation in Iraq. I don't have a crystal ball and don't know what will happen next. Our leaders at the highest levels of government are working this issue hard and will continue to do so in the coming days. Don't get caught up worrying about things you have no control over, it will sort itself out.

The one thing we do have total control over is our readiness. It's in our hands to ensure if more of our people are called upon to deploy, they are ready. The 920th Rescue Group sent out more than 100 more people Saturday, and if needed, many more Space Coast people could head to places across the world.

This is not the time to be playing "hide and seek." What I mean is I've experienced that when the going gets tough, some people like to make themselves scarce on the weekends. It's fine to have a good time, but if you are in a critical position, and you are called and can't be found, you'll get to come and explain it to me personally on Monday. There are people from this wing that are deployed from their families for months. This is a very serious time for our nation and we need to all do our part. This includes being able to react at a moment's notice. I appreciate your efforts in this area.

I know I've addressed this numerous times, but if there was ever a time to ensure your "ducks were in a row" in order to deploy, this is the time. That means everything from having your shots done to your loved ones knowing where to find your will and how to pay bills while you are gone. The time to take care of this is not while you are trying to process through a mobility line. Register now on the MyPay Web site to receive your password before you deploy. See Finance if you have questions. We'll see how the next few days unfold,

but if our leaders call upon us to react, we'll need to be ready!

I'd like to officially welcome Col. Greg Billman, his wife Dania and their two girls Brooke and Becca to the 45th Space Wing team. He officially took command March 7, during a classy change of command ceremony at the foot of the Cape lighthouse. Col. Billman brings a wealth of experience to the wing as a missileer, space operator and senior navigator with more than 3,700 flying hours.

He is a certified war hero with combat missions over Baghdad during the Gulf War. The wing is lucky to have him and I'll be leaning on his experience, expertise, and most importantly, his leadership in the days and months ahead. My thanks to the entire 45th Operations Group for the first class ceremony held Friday. Again Greg, Dania, Brooke and Becca - welcome aboard!

Received some late breaking news right before press time. Our 45th Security Forces Squadron earned Best in AF Space Command honors again in the Medium Unit category. Along with them, our squadron earned six of the 14 individual awards. Congrats to the squadron and you'll hear a great deal more about this in upcoming issues.

I'm looking forward to today's Safety Day and its theme "Safety is not Luck." I hope you took our greetings this morning seriously and you take time each day to think about what you are doing and if it presents an unnecessary risk to yourself or other people when getting behind the wheel of a car. I'd like you to display the decal handed out. Not just so you can win a prize, but it'll help remind yourself each and every day to be safe behind the wheel.

Next Friday, March 21, is an important day for the wing as well. As you know, the Guardian Challenge competition is held in May. Right now, many of our wing people are ramping up their training for this important competition. We want to send them to the competition at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., in style. Therefore, immediately following this month's combined officer, senior civilian and enlisted call at the Officers' Club, we'll have a kick-off part at 4:30 p.m. on the patio. That event is open to the entire wing and gives everyone a chance to learn about Guardian Challenge and get to know the team representing the wing.

The competition gives the wings within Space Command a chance to compete at a very high level of competition. The winner brings home the coveted Schriever Trophy and bragging rights for a year. The 30th Space Wing currently has the trophy in their possession, but the 45th won it the last six of eight years so we aim to bring it back to its rightful home. I hope you'll join the kick off party and get the team off to a fast START!

Have a great weekend everyone and pray for our deployed members. Be safe and God Bless!



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# **AF starts Stop-Loss**

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker

WASHINGTON -- The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) has authorized the use of Stop Loss in order to retain specific skills needed to meet national security objectives. Effective May 2, 2003, 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties are Stop Lossed.

We do not take this action lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "Stop Loss is designed to preserve critical skills essential to supporting the Global War on Terrorism, while ensuring we're prepared to meet contingencies.

'We've implemented Stop Loss to ensure we have the necessary skilled personnel to conduct operations," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "We'll use it only as long as necessary to accomplish our mission."

Stop Loss is being implemented across the total force (active duty, Air Force Ready Reserve, and Air National Guard) for the affected career fields and affects all airmen in the rank of colonel and below, according to Maj. Teresa L. Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

The secretary and chief of staff are www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

acutely aware that the Air Force is an all-volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting the service's worldwide obligations, is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service.

"We take Stop Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our airmen, their families and their civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments," Jumper said.

Therefore, a waiver process will be implemented for those people with unique circumstances.

"We are doing our best to minimize this disruption," Dr. Roche said. "And we will look at unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief.'

"We understand the individual sacrifices that our airmen and their families will be making," Gen. Jumper said. "We appreciate their unwavering support and dedication to our nation."

For more information about Stop Loss, members can contact their local military personnel flight or the Air Force Personnel Center's Stop Loss Control Center (SLCC) at (210) 565-2374, DSN: 665-2374 or log onto

### Affected career fields

Officer applies to CAFSC of prefix or suffix except where indicated:

11AX AIRLIFT PILOT

11BX BOMBER PILOT TEST PILOT 11EX

FIGHTER PILOT

11GX GENERALIST PILOT

11HX HELICOPTER PILOT

TRAINER PILOT 11KX

RECCE/SURV/EW PILOT 11RX

SPECIAL OPERATIONS PILOT 11SX TANKER, C-12 CTP PILOT

12AX AIRLIFT NAVIGATOR

BOMBER NAVIGATOR 12BX

TEST NAVIGATOR 12EX

FIGHTER NAVIGATOR 12GX GENERALIST NAVIGATOR

12KX TRAINER NAVIGATOR

RECCE/SURV/EW NAVIGATOR 12RX

SPEC OPERATIONS NAVIGATOR 12SX TANKER NAVIGATOR

AIR BATTLE MANAGER 13BX

13DXA COMBAT RESCUE

13DXB SPECIAL TACTICS

AIRFIELD OPERATIONS 13MX

14NX INTELLIGENCE 31PX SECURITY FORCES

32FX CIVIL ENGINEER

BIOENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER 43EX

PUBLIC HEALTH

BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY

EMER. SERVICES PHYSICIAN 44MX INTERNIST

ANESTHESIOLOGIST 45BX ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON

45SX SURGEON

FLIGHT NURSE 46FX

NURSE ANESTHETIST 46MX

46NXE CRITICAL CARE NURSE

46SX OPERATING ROOM NURSE

48AX AEROSPACE MEDICINE SPEC

48GX GENERAL MEDICAL OFFICER

48RX

RES TRN FLIGHT SURGEON

JUDGE ADVOCATE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR

Enlisted applies to CAFSC of prefix or suf-

fix except where indicated:

1A0XX IN-FLIGHT REFUELING

1A1XX FLIGHT ENGINEER 1A2XX LOADMASTER

1A3XX AIRBORNE COMM & ELEC

1A4XX AIRBORNE BATTLE MGMT

1A5XX AIRBORNE MISSION SYSTEMS

1A7XX AERIAL GUNNER

1A8XX AIRBORNE CRYPTO LINGUIST

1C0X1 AIRFIELD MANAGEMENT

1C1XX AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

1C2XX COMBAT CONTROL

1C3XX COMMAND POST 1C4XX TAC AIR COMMAND & CONTROL

1C5XX AERO CONT & WARN SYSTEM

1N0XX INTELLIGENCE APPLICATIONS

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# Reshaping force never easy task

By Gen. Lance Lord COMMANDER, AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

Over the next seven years, Air Force Space Command will trim 1,125 manpower positions. That is our share of the more than 13,200 reductions the Air Force must make before the end of the decade. Seven hundred and fifty-six of those cuts will come in the next year, so we are exploring proposals to implement the reductions. We will focus on outsourcing, reprogramming or delaying some manpower positions and eliminating lower-priority workload.

With all the rumors out there, I want to assure everyone in Air Force Space Command that this force reshaping is central to the needs of the Air Force, especially in strengthening sorely stressed career fields such as security forces and intelligence.

The command is taking a mission-oriented approach to the cuts it has been directed to make, rather than arbitrarily assigning reduction numbers to bases. We believe a "fair share" spread of the reduction to the field is counterproductive, so we will take a hard look at each mission area rather than taking a percentage of slots from each unit.

We still have not completely resolved what bases, or career fields, this reduction will come from in AFSPC. Those decisions should be finalized in the next month.

Identified airmen will have the opportunity to retrain while civilians will be eligible for priority placement, voluntary early retirement and voluntary separation incentives. I can't absolutely guarantee that no civilian workers will lose their jobs, but we're doing everything we can to avoid any involuntary separations as a result of this manpower reduc-

Increased operations tempo, workload and security requirements created by the war on terrorism, as well as budget constraints, have prompted the Air Force to review its authorizations to create a workforce better prepared to meet future challenges and missions. Our challenge is to reallocate positions - both military and civilian - to alleviate some of that workforce stress.

Let me assure you that we will do everything possible to trim positions with a minimal effect on current AFSPC employees. We will do this in part by delaying or deleting some positions slated to be filled in the next year, as well as using attrition and current vacancies. We're concerned about the personal issues of this action more than the personnel issues.

Today's challenges have forced the Air Force to make tough decisions. Shaping the workforce to meet the future steady state of the Air Force that has evolved since Sept. 11 is our top priority. We must do this by making sure manpower authorizations do not exceed the funding Congress has given us.

We will work this issue extremely hard to get answers as soon as possible. We are fully committed to keeping the number of people affected as low as possible without negatively impacting the missions of our bases.

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personal issues of this action more than the personnel issues. We want and need to take care of our people."

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld directed a review of the Air Force last year to best determine its ability to meet mission requirements.

Based on this review, the Air Force directed realignment of more than 13,000 military and civilian manpower authorizations by 2010. Each Air Force major command was given a share of positions to eliminate.

"The restructuring of manpower positions isn't an attempt to reduce the Air Force's personnel strength," she said.

"Rather, it's an effort to shape the workforce to meet the future steady state of the Air Force that has evolved since Sept. 11."

The command is taking a programmatic approach to the cuts it has been directed to make, rather than arbitrarily assigning reduction numbers to bases.

### First military payload launched on EELV

By Ken Warren 45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

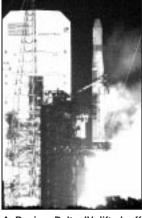
America's warfighters gained a critical global communications asset Monday with the successful launch of the first military satellite on an Evolved Expendable Launch vehicle — in this case, a Boeing Delta IV rocket.

Boeing's Delta IV and Lockheed Martin's Atlas V are the two families of EELVs developed with the Air Force to modernize and reduce the cost of America's space lift operations. Both flew their maiden missions with commercial payloads last year.

"Today's launch marks the dawn of a new day for national security space programs," said Lt. Col. Tony Taliancich, director of the EELV Cape Consolidated Task Force.

The military payload boosted into orbit Monday was a Defense Satellite Communications System

satellite. It joined a constellation that is recognized as the backbone of the U.S. military's communications capabilities. DSCS serves all Department of Defense branches in a worldwide network coordinated by the Defense Information Systems Agency.



A Boeing Delta IV lifted off Monday at Cape Canaveral AFS carrying a Defense Satellite Communications System spacecraft. (Photo courtesy of the Boeing Company)

"This DSCS satellite will be positioned over the Indian Ocean and should be fully operational by July 1. That's about a 55-day reduction from nominal on-orbit checkout operations," said Capt. Greg Ellingson, DSCS Integration Officer, Det. 8 of the Space and Missile Systems Center. "Getting this satellite up and running is being accelerated because it's critical to the our warfighters' needs for current national security operations."

"Words can't do justice to the feelings of pride and accomplishment I felt when the Delta IV soared into the heavens and when the DSCS satellite was placed into its proper orbit," said Lt. Col. Taliancich. "This marks the fruition of a 10-year dream for me and is a significant milestone in the Boeing/government partnership for EELV."

The 45th Space Wing ensured safe access to space for the DSCS satellite by coordinating Eastern Range support including tracking and telemetry, weather and communications.

"Most people aren't afforded the opportunity to participate in a defining moment of our nation's history," said Maj. Julia Black, Range Operations commander. "This was our time. It's a great privilege to help make a difference. Given current world events, the timing couldn't have been better."



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1N1XX IMAGERY ANALYSIS

1N200 SIGNALS INTEL ANALYSIS MGR

X1N2XX AC SIG INTEL PRODUCTION

1N3X4 FAR EAST CRYPTO LINGUIST

1N3X5 MID-EAST CRYPTO LINGUIST

1N3X6\* AFRICAN CRYPTOLOGIC LINGUIST

1N3X7\* TURKIC CRYPTOLOGIC LINGUIST

1N3X8\* POLYNESIAN CRYPTOLOGIC LINGUIST

1N3X9\* INDO-IRANIAN CRYPTOLOGIC LINGUIST

1N4XX SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS

1N5XX ELEC. SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION ELECTRONIC SYSTEM SECURITY ASSESSMENT 1N6XX

1S0XX SAFETY

AIRCREW LIFE SUPPORT 1T1XX

1T2XX PARARESCUE

2E2X1 COM, NETWORK, SWITCH & CRYPTO SYSTEMS

2F0X1 FUELS

2T3X2A SPEC VEHICLE MAIN. (FIRE TRUCKS)

2T3X2B SPEC VEHICLE MAIN. (REFUELING VEHICLES) 3C0X1 COMM - COMPUTER SYSTEMS OPERATIONS

3C2X1 COMM - COMPUTER SYSTEMS CONTROL

3E000 ELECTRICAL (CEM)

3E0X2 ELECTRICAL POWER PRODUCTION

3E4X1 UTILITIES SYSTEMS

3E4X2 LIQUID FUELS SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE

3E5X1 ENGINEERING

3E7X1 FIRE PROTECTION

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL 3E8X1

3E9X1 READINESS

3H0X1 HISTORIAN

3NOXX PUBLIC AFFAIRS & RADIO/TV BROADCASTING

3P0XX SECURITY FORCES

4A1XX MEDICAL MATERIAL

4A2XX BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT

4B0XX BIOENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

4E0XX PUBLIC HEALTH

4H0XX CARDIOPULMONARY LABORATORY

5J0X1 PARALEGAL

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS 7S0X1 8D000 LINGUIST DEBRIEFER INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR 9L000

### SeaFest needs volunteers

Volunteers must

submit an applica-

tion by Monday.

Call 459-2200 or

online

Seafest.com.

qo

**Bv Sue Walden** 

45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The annual SeaFest is coming March 28 to 30 volunteers are needed to make it a success.

"Military members and civilians from the 45th Space Wing have always done a great job helping us out every year," said Geo Ropert, public relations director of the Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.

More than 1,000 volunteers 18 years and older are needed to work at least a four-hour shift during

"They can work the front gate, assist around the grounds, in the parking lots or help at the beverage stands if they are 21 years or older," he said. Volunteers receive free food and beverage tickets.

This year's SeaFest is special because it

is the 20th anniversary of the event and the 50th anniversary of Port Canaveral.

Fest-goers treated to a special fireworks display Friday night, an extended craft show from Friday to Sunday and a custom motorexhibition cvcle Sunday afternoon. There will also be rides, booths and live entertainment, including a performance from the 1970s band Foghat Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

Money raised from the SeaFest support the Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. "It goes into programs for businesses and helps lower costs of chamber membership for businesses and nonprofits," said Mr. Ropert.

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"SeaFest stimulates the local economy and encourages everyone to work together for the benefit of our community."

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## Riverwalk path improves quality of life



Riverwalk, a wide path that will stretch along the shores of the Banana River from the tip of North Housing to the Family Campground, is one of many improvements 45th CES is implementing at Patrick Air Force Base. The path will allow people to enjoy a view of the river and take a leisurely walk or exercise without traffic concerns. The first phase of the project begins soon. (Artist rendering courtesy of 45th CES)

By 2nd Lt. Vivian Ryan

Patrick's recreational area just got a lot nicer, thanks to \$400,000 in quality of life funds. The 45th Civil Engineer Squadron secured the housing funds to begin phase one of the Riverwalk path, which when completed will stretch along the shores of the Banana River from the tip of North Housing to the Family

Campground.

The Riverwalk's wide path will allow people to enjoy an unobstructed view of the river and take leisurely walks or exercise in an area free from vehicular traffic.

The first phase of the three-phase project to complete the Riverwalk portion in North Housing will begin this spring and include 2,000 feet, roughly the area from the Riverside Temporary Living Facilities to the second fishing pier in North Housing.

The 9.5-foot-wide path will comply with all accessibility requirements and have water fountains, trash receptacle, lights, and benches all highlighted by new landscaping to include shade trees.

Four large pavilions, two of which are included in phase one, will provide sheltered areas for picnics and other activities.

Three of the four new pavilions will be located next to the existing piers and the pavilion furthest south in North Housing will adjoin the existing playground. The Riverwalk will connect to all the playgrounds via new sidewalks along the path.

The quality of family housing is one of the most important factors in the Air Force, and the Riverwalk is just one of the improvements 45th CES is implementing.

"Patrick Air Force Base has a unique landscape," said Lt. Col. Chris Hazen, 45th CES commander.

"We live on a barrier island, and this project will capitalize on the natural beauty and great weather we have down here in Florida.

"I hope families will enjoy walking, biking and relaxing next to the river."

Riverwalk is one of the many quality of life improvements scheduled for housing. Current and future improvements include sidewalks, new playground equipment and more landscaping, to name a few.



#### Forum on tap

A retired flag officer forum will be held is at 8 a.m., March 28 in Bldg. 401.

#### **Retirees honored**

Military Retiree Day is set for March 29 in Hanger 750, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Personnel will be available to answer questions concerning finance, legal assistance, health and medical issues. For more information, call the Retiree Activities Office at 494-5463.

#### Call held

A combined officer, enlisted and senior civilian (GS 14-15) call will be held Friday 3:30 p.m. at the Officers' Club.

#### Legal office restricted

Due to current mission requirements and manning constraints, effective March 24, the Legal Office will temporarily restrict non-deployment legal assistance to active duty members and their family members. For those normally eligible to receive legal assistance and have an emergency situation, contact the Legal Office at 494-7357 to request special consideration.

#### Calling all civilians

The next civilian call is March 20 at 11 a.m. at Hanger F at Cape Canaveral AFS and March 21 at Patrick AFB, 8 a.m. at the base theater.

#### START calendar is budding

The 45th Space Wing START office is developing a monthly calendar that shows all training open to Patrick AFB and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. If you provide training to personnel at Patrick or the Cape contact Judy Nicholson at 494-0811 or contact by e-mail at judy.Nicholson@patrick.af.mil

#### **AFAF** drive continues

Air Force Assistance Fund is in full swing. To make contributions, contact unit representatives or call Major Chris Leavey at 494-2653 or Capt. Jason Smith at 494-4647.

#### **TREA** meets

The Retired Enlisted Association, Freedom Chapter 117, meet at 2 p.m. March 20 (third Thursday of each month) at the Brevard Veteran's Memorial Center, 400 Sykes Creek Blvd., Merritt Island, (behind Merritt Square Mall). Call Maynard Robinson at 750-1081 or e-mail mrobinson@cfl.rr.com for more information.

#### LOA needs board members

The Central Florida Chapter of the

Logistics Officer Association meets March 19 at the Officers' Club. All active-duty, retired and civilian logisticians are encouraged to attend. Association is currently seeking people to fill board positions

For more information, contact Lt. Terry Dutcher at 476-2670 or visit www.loanational.org/index.asp and www.loanational.org/centralflorida.asp

#### **Med Group closes**

The 45th Medical Group will be closed for training March 21 and will continue to be closed the third Friday of every month.

#### Accident volunteers needed

Twenty-five volunteers are needed to play accident victims during 45th Space Wing's major disaster response exercise March 25. The exercise will be held on Patrick's airfield beginning in the morning through early afternoon.

With permission, volunteers will have moulage applied to represent "virtual" victims for the emergency response team to treat. To volunteer, or for more information, call Maj. Jason Mantaro or Keith Auger at 494-2047/5890.

#### Learn to control anger

Family Advocacy Program presents "Anger Management: Controlling the Behavior That No One Likes." Different sessions will be held every Wednesday this month 9:30 – 11 a.m. in Bldg. 1370 Family Advocacy Classroom, (directly behind the 45th Medical Group Clinic). For information and registration (limited to 12), call Family Advocacy at 494-8171.

#### Historic black art offered

R. L. Lewis, an original Highwaymen will be at the Family Support Center March 26, 6 to 9:30 p.m.

"The Highwaymen" is a name given to a group of African-American artists working on the east coast of Florida from approximately 1955 to the present.

Their artwork has become quite well known and paintings can go for thousands of dollars. Call 494-5675 for sign

#### Take a class

The Family Support Center offers the following classes: Intro to Sewing, Monday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.; Employment Orientation, Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – noon; Information Fair at Base Exchange, Wednesday 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Computer Class, Thursday 5 – 6 p.m.; Coping with Difficult People, Thursday 12:30 – 1 p.m.; Singles Workshop, Thursday 5 – 6 p.m.; Deployed Spouses, Thursday 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.; Pre-Deployment Briefing, Friday 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. Call 494-5675 to reserve your seat.



# Teams evaluate award-winning 45th Medical Group



Sharon Davis, left, and Rachael Lerssen, 45th MDG Information System Team of the Year for Air Force Space Command, conduct an audit of medical records. (Photos by Jim Laviska)

By Maj. Karen L. Robertson

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, in conjunction with the Air Force Inspection Agency's Health Services Inspection team, will survey the 45th Medical Group Monday through Friday.

Accreditation with JCAHO, a civilian organization, is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that indicates an organization meets specific performance standards, addressing leadership, nursing, medical care, and stringent safety and facility standards.

The HSI evaluators from Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., look at military-specific issues such as preventive health assessments, readiness, family advocacy and other programs. This team provides senior Air Force medical leaders with an independent assessment of mission capability, health care and resource management.

"I'm confident the evaluation teams will recognize our commitment to supporting the wing's space launch mission through the outstanding medical care we provide to our active-duty and family members," said Col. Charles Mackett, 45th Medical Group commander.

Eight HSI and two JCAHO inspectors will look at every process the medical group accomplishes. These processes ensure the medical facility is in compliance with all Department of Defense and federal requirements and run the gamut from force health protection for deploying troops to diabetic teaching and nutritional counseling for the retired population at the Health and Wellness Center.

The standards the 45th MDG will be

judged by are developed in consultation with nationally-known healthcare experts, providers and measurement experts, as well as healthcare consumers. In order to assure year-round compliance with the standards, JCAHO and HSI give medical facilities just 30 days notice of the upcoming inspection. The 30 days is used to gather documentation, prepare for the team's arrival and synchronize actions of the MDG's personnel. To earn and maintain JCAHO/HSI accreditation, the MDG must undergo this on-site survey at least every three years. The last inspection was successfully completed in July 2000.

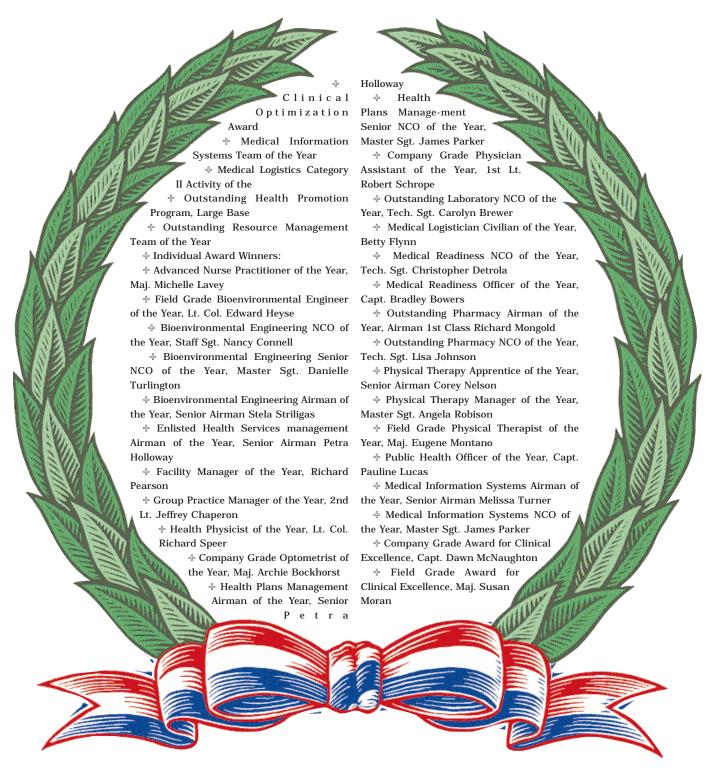
"The MDG is certain that we will once again accomplish our goal of accreditation through tenacious execution of our inspection game plan", said Col. Mackett.

A highlight of the inspector's visit will be the opportunity to view a special storyboard recognizing 45th MDG personnel's most recent achievements. The 45th MDG earned 40 percent of the available AFSPC MAJCOM Surgeon General Awards for 2002, taking home a record 32 annual awards.



Annie Mejias assists a customer with release of medical information request. Ms. Mejias is part of the 45th MDG Information System Team of the Year for AFSPC.

### 45TH MDG WINNER'S CIRCLE





### March Madness hits Patrick intramurals

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton

March Madness officially starts across America next Thursday and March 21 with 65 NCAA teams fighting for a spot in the Final Four.

At Patrick, March Madness went a bit quicker with two champions being crowned in a week.

Before the clock strikes midnight tonite, there will be one basketball champion crowned on base and another one might be.

The Over-30 title will be played at noon in the fitness center. If the team from the loser's bracket wins, then another game will be played Monday at noon.

If the previously undefeated team wins the lunchtime bout, the trophies will be passed out then.

Regular intramural action will be sorted

out a little easier. If the undefeated team wins at 6 p.m. tonight, then the trophies will be passed out at 7 p.m. If the undefeated playoff team loses, then the teams will return to the floor for a winner-take-all bout and trophies awarded at 8 p.m.

The playoffs began Monday with 45th Medical Group, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, 45th Weather Squadron, 45th Security Forces Squadron, Navy, 45th Range Squadron and Defense Finance and Accounting Service vying for a spot in tonight's game.

The field for the Over-30 action was a bit smaller, with 45th Services Squadron, Air Force Technical Application Center, 45th Security Forces Squadron, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, 920th Rescue Group and 45th Medical Group.

Thursday morning, the four remaining intramural teams are undefeated DFAS, Weather Squadron, MDG and SFS.



#### Softball

Men's and women's intramural softball starts March 24 at the South Housing sports complex. Games will be played Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

However, the women's league is on the verge of being canceled due to a shortage of teams.

"We have two teams lined up presently and that's not enough to have a league," said Ralph Robinson, intramural director. "We need four but the more the merrier."

If player's organization aren't sponsoring a team, Mr. Robinson will build teams or add players to other teams.

For more information, call Ralph Robinson at 494-4947.

#### Golf

The 45th Medical Group and 45th Contracting Squadron are battling it out on the links over the next three weeks for top honors in golf.

Fred Mills, intramural golf director, said that the best two-out-of-three format was set up to ensure a true champion was crowned.

The winner in Wednesday's was 45th Contracting Squadron, winning 7-6 to take a 1-0 lead in the series.

#### Scuba trip

Visit Key West with Outdoor Recreation April 18-21.

Cost for the trip is \$210 (sightseeing

travelers only), \$280 for two days including snorkeling (Saturday and Sunday) or \$320 for two days of diving (Saturday and Sunday) including all equipment.

Seating is limited. Those planning to go diving or snorkeling must make reservations by March 28. Call 494-9692 for more information.

#### Scuba lessons

Scuba lessons are offered through Outdoor Recreation Tuesdays through April 6 with spring and open water dives on Sundays.

Another Class will run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with spring and open water dives on Saturdays.

Classes cost \$235 and includes 28 hours of instruction, two spring dives, two open-water dives, pool time, air fills and equipment while in the class.

#### Yoga

Kripalu Yoga classes are offered every Thursday from noon -- 1 p.m. and from 4:45 -- 6:15 p.m. in the Patrick Base Library conference room.

Classes are ongoing and newcomers and drop-ins are always welcome. No previous Yoga experience is required. Cost is \$5 per class or \$25 for six class-

To register or for more information, please call Barbara O'Connor, Kripalu Yoga certified instructor at 504-4512.

# Cape cyclists pedal across Florida

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton

45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Its genesis was 18 months ago with riders cycling around Cape Canaveral Air Force Station improving their fitness level during their lunch hour in hopes of eventually earning a T-Shirt.

Today, some of those same cyclists are preparing for a 170-mile ride across Florida, in less than 14 hours. The cyclists are gearing up for the April 13 "Ride Across Florida" that will take riders from Cocoa Beach to Tampa.

The Cape cycling program, affectionately known as Tour de Cape, has several different layers to it, according to Rafael "Chez" Sanchez, program manager.

The program started in September of 2001 with a simple goal, 500 miles in 10 weeks. Six out of 25 riders rose to the challenge.

Now, the program is in Phase 3, riders are on an honor system, but must report mileage to Sanchez, who logs it into the program's database. Riders don't have to be on the Cape.

Riders will receive mileage patches at the 1,000, 1,500, 2,000 and every 500 miles thereafter

#### **Upcoming rides**

March 15-16
"Green Leprechaun
Tour," 235 mile
ride over two days
April 5
"Ride for the
Red," 100-mile
ride
April 13

According to the members, the wildlife refuge and spaceport known as Cape Canaveral AFS, is the perfect training ground.

"I remember one morning when we were sitting on a knoll overlooking the Atlantic with the Columbia to our left and the sun coming



Rafael Sanchez and Melanie Clegg sprint to the end of a 10-mile ride around the Cape Canaveral AFS. They're gearing up for a 170-mile ride across Florida April 13. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)

up; that's one of those sights just burned into my memory," said Mark Tillett, a diver for NASA who bikes to stay in top physical condition.

Seeing armadillos, snakes and alligators is a common occurrence, and cyclist have even spotted the occasional wild pig.

"This is really THE way to see the Cape," said Melanie Clegg, Cape energy manager. "If you're riding in your car, you can't hear anything and you're zipping along so fast you really miss a lot. Like this, you can see it, smell it and hear

it."

Although the bar is high for any interested bikers and just getting your foot into the toe grip can be a challenge for the novice, Mr. Sanchez said the group is open to anyone interested

The group does shorter 10- to 20- mile rides around the Cape several times per week, and a longer training ride on weekends.

For more information, call Mr. Sanchez at 853-3966.

### Turning it up a notch

Jessica Daumen, fiddle player for the Porchdogs, Florida's top Cajun zydeco band, helped nearly 200 Officers' Club members celebrate Mardi Gras March 8. The band played a collection of Cajun and country hits. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)



#### Parents meeting on tap

Parents are encouraged to attend the Quarterly Child Development Center-/Family Child Care Parent Advisory Board Meeting at 3 p.m., Tuesday in Bldg. 425, in the Services Academy's Training Room.

#### Learn life lessons

Life Skills Support Center's Maj. Kimberly Finney; Mr. Ed Cole, Drug Demand Reduction and Tech. Sgt. Sgt. Tim Smith, CADAC/ADAPT, present Families Against Drunk Driving Jam Friday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This interactive workshop is for parents and all young adults ages 13-18. Participants experience the reality of driving drunk and participate in an interactive and courtroom drama.

Refreshments will be served from 6-7 p.m. The workshop is limited to 60 participants. Call the Youth Center at 494-4747 to make reservations. Teens and parents are encouraged to attend and participate. A dance immediately follows the workshop.

#### Have fun at Gym Jam

Come to a FADD Jam Friday and stay for a Gym Jam, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Enjoy a night of music, dancing, basketball, pool, food and fun.

Gym Jam is open to all family members ages 13 to 18 of active-duty or retired military members, DoD or NAF employees and DoD contractors.

Participants may sign in a guest for Gym Jam, with parental permission. Participants will not be allowed to leave the Gym Jam before 11:30 p.m., unless parent pick-ups or prior arrangements are made with a staff member of the Youth Center. Parents of current Youth Programs members are needed as volunteers for this function. Contact Lynne Phillips at 494-4748 for more information and to volunteer.

#### Be Irish for a day

Join members of the Officers' Club Friday at 6 p.m. for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. Entertainment and food awaits everyone. Joan and Jessie will play everpopular Irish Gigs and other customary tunes.

A special taste-of-Ireland menu for the evening features corned beef and cabbage, "Muligan" beef stew, a potato bar and other delectable items. The buffet is available until 8 p.m. Charming musical selections will be played until 10 p.m.

Cost is \$12.95 per person. A \$2 "Members First" discount will apply to all club members. This program is open to all members and eligible nonmembers and their guests.

Call 494-4011 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for reservations.

#### Learn the computer

The library's workshop series "Getting to Know Your Computer" Part III is Thursday at 5 p.m in the Family Support Center classroom.

Call 494-6881 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday or 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday for more information and to register for this personal computer basics workshop.

#### CDC celebrates spring

Parents are encouraged to attend a Family Picnic starting at 11 a.m., Thursday at the Child Development Center. To celebrate the first day of spring, the children will gather on the playground, weather permitting, according to age group.

Children in the Infant Room will meet at 11 a.m. in Rooms 1A and 1B or on west playground (if weather permits), pretoddlers will assemble at 11 a.m. on west playground, toddlers will meet at 11 a.m. on north playground and preschoolers will gather at 11:15 a.m. on east playground. For more information, call 494-7028.

Friday Narc A narcotics cop, who happens to be a recovering drug addict, is assigned to help uncover the truth behind the murder of a young officer. He teams up with the dead officer's partner and the cover-up they unravel

could destroy them both. Stars Jason Patric, Ray Liotta. (R for strong brutal violence, drug content and pervasive language)

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Saturday Final Destination 2 Kimberly watches helplessly as a logging truck careens ot of control and loses its deadly payload, setting off a horrifying chain reaction. A moment later, she finds herself still stuck in on-ramp traffic, with a line of commuters she saw die moments before. Was it a warning? Stars Ali Larter, A.J. Cook (R for strong violent/gruesome accidents, language, drugs and some nudity)

**Sunday** *Biker Boyz* An undefeated racer known as Smoke is the undisputed king of Cali. But Smoke's dominance of the set is about to be threatened by a young motorcycle-racing prodigy called Kid, who is determined to win Smoke's helmet and earn the coveted title. Stars Laurence Fishburne, Tyson Beckford (PG-13 for violence, sexual content and language)

Thursday Final Destination 2 See Saturday

Show times are 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. Admission is 82.50 for adults, age 12 and older and 81.50 for children 11 and younger.

#### **Riverside Dining Facility Menu**

Saturday brunch - Creole shrimp, doubly-good chicken, #savory-baked chicken, Swedish meatballs; Saturday supper - #Baked fish, barbecue chicken, doubly-good chicken, Hungarian goulash; Sunday brunch - Cantonese spareribs, grill mustard chicken, ovenfried fish; Sunday supper -Steak loin strip, stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets; Monday lunch - Pot roast, #baked stuffed fish, #roast loin of pork, simmered corned beef; **Monday dinner** – Cannelloni beef, #chili mac, Southern-fried chicken; Tuesday lunch -Salmon cakes, #teriyaki chicken, veal Parmesan; Tuesday

dinner – #Country captain chicken, meat loaf, turkey a la king; Wednesday lunch – Lasagna, spaghetti with meatballs, chicken cacciatore, Italian sausage, pasta primavera; Wednesday dinner – Barbecue spareribs, #lemon-herb chicken, stuffed pork chops; Thursday lunch – Glazed pork chops, herb-baked chicken, Mongolian barbecue; Thursday dinner – Glazed Cornish hen, jaegerschnitzel with mushroom sauce, #roast loin of pork

Menu's are subject to change. For more information, call dial-amenu 494-2845. Item with an "#" are healthy choice.

#### **Action Line: 494-6550**



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

From can't get your problem resolved through the agencies, contact the Action Line: e-mail, action@patrick.af.mil or click on global underAction 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 "Attro Action Line."

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When directing an issue to the Action Line, callers must indicate to whom they've previously addressed the issue.

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Lt. Col. Chris Hazen
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Base Housing
Caroline Jamba
494-2593
45th Services Squadron
Lt. Col. John Sproul
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Military Personnel

494-2035
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Donald Pruitt
494-4060
AAFES
Mike Lovejoy
494-6455
Civilian Personnel
Robert Daniel
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Military Equal Opportunity
Capt. Marion Johnson
494-6334
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494-6202
Financial Services
1st Lt. Raymond Kipp Bradley
494-7171
45th Medical Group
Col. Charles Mackett III
494-8100
Ground Safety
Paul Compton
494-2202
Inspector General
Lt. Col. Raiph Gracia
494-2287

I want to give a positive note on a person who helped with getting a large tree taken care of on our street. His name is Mr. Patterson and he takes care of the base grounds, I believe. Mr. Patterson did a wonderful job of arranging for somebody to take care a large overgrown tree that was on Camellia Avenue (in South Housing). I wanted to say that he is doing his job very, very well and we really appreciate him getting the tree taken care of so quickly.

A: Thanks for taking the time to recognize the OUTSTANDING work performed by our grounds maintenance contractor and program manager. We take great pride in base appearance and thank you for identifying an area in South Housing that needed attention. Because of your feedback, the tree was reshaped and access to the sidewalk in that area is now unimpeded. Thanks again for your feedback on this matter. If you have future concerns, please contact our Grounds Maintenance program manager, Mr. James Patterson, at 494-4583.



#### 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.

#### Lent

#### Meager Meal and Lenten Devotions

Tuesdays – March 18, 25, April 1, 8, and 15 at South Patrick Chapel  $\,$ 

#### **Protestant**

Sunday:  $8:30\,$  a.m. traditional worship in the Seaside Chapel.

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Seaside Chapel. Grades K-12 at South Patrick Chapel.

11 a.m. Inspirational Service in the South Patrick Chapel. Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. fellowship dinner in the South Patrick Chapel.