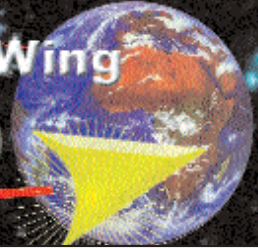


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Airmen 1st Class Kenneth McClurg and Daniel Hickman replace the secondary radar antenna on Patrick Air Force Base's radar Tuesday. The 45th Space Communications Squadron, Federal Aviation Administration and Space Gateway Support will allow Daytona FAA controllers to route commercial air traffic through the area.
(Photo by Jim Laviska)

Fire Prevention Week begins Sunday

By Mark Webb
45TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5-11 and 45th Space Wing officials can't stress enough how important fire safety is at work and in the home.

This year, the Fire Prevention Week slogan is "Get out! Stay out!" The Patrick Air Force Base Fire Department wants people to learn how these two simple phrases can save lives.

Patrick and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station personnel should continue efforts to improve the reliability of fire detection and alarm systems through periodic inspections and then report problems to the fire department.

At home, adult occupants need to know how they and their family members can rapidly escape from a fire. Everyone in the home should also be familiar with the sound of the smoke detector.

Smoke detectors should be inspected monthly and the batteries should be changed annually.

To help everyone understand the procedures for evacuating the work place or home, draw a floor plan showing two escape routes - including windows - from each room.

Decide on an outside meeting place where everyone will gather once they have escaped. Practice the plan at least twice a year, preferably during dark hours to ensure everyone fully understands that fires can happen at any time.

During escape from a fire, close doors behind you to help slow the spread of fire. If you must escape through smoke, crawl on your hands and knees, keeping your head one to two feet above the floor where the air will be cleanest.

Test doors, doorknobs, and spaces around doors for fire with the back of your hand. If the door is warm, try another escape route. If it's cool, open it slowly.

If trapped in a fire, call the fire department (dial 911) and tell them the location.

Placing clothes or towels in the cracks around the doors greatly improves your chances of survival and escape.

Wait near a window for the fire department to rescue you. If available, wave a flashlight or a large light colored cloth to help firefighters find you.

Most importantly, never re-enter a burning building.

Fire Protection Weeks events start Monday at 8 a.m. with opening ceremonies at the Fire Station, housing visits at 9 a.m. and dormitory visits at 1 p.m. On Tuesday, fire department officials will visit the Child Development Center at 9 a.m. and conduct fire drills at 1 p.m. A structural fire exercise will take place in South Housing on Wednesday at 9 a.m. and a FPW parade through housing areas will take place at 5:30 p.m. On Thursday, the fire department will visit the Youth Center at 9 a.m. and conduct a structural fire exercise in South Housing at 6:30 p.m.

START ... Get it!



Straight from the
COMMANDER'S
DESK 

By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich

45TH SW COMMANDER

Happy New Year! OK, so it isn't the new calendar year, but we have entered into the new fiscal year, which, despite a lack of party favors and champagne, is also a big deal because balancing the books for a complex organization is a complex task.

So we started back in May and established a plan to guide us through the year-end process. During the May-July timeframe, our group commanders and wing staff analyzed their own budgets to see what funding they had remaining from projects costing less than anticipated or from projects unable to be completed. They also identified requirements that hadn't been funded.

Each group carefully prioritized these requirements, and with the goal of being able to "squeeze the trigger" at a moments notice, unit resource advisors laid the groundwork as if the requirements were going to be funded immediately. As you can imagine, that required a lot of staff work, paperwork and old-fashioned leg-work. Resource advisors in every organization worked hard to have their projects - large and small - ready to accept funding. This required help from other organizations. The 45th Civil Engineer Squadron provided counsel to organizations with renovation or construction projects. The 45th Space Communications Squadron lent expertise to organizations hoping to upgrade computers.

In August, the proposals were "racked and stacked" into a master priority list by the senior leadership. This list became our game plan for end of year operations. As the FY03 funding started settling out, we started prudently applying our funding against critical mission requirements under the direction of the 45th Comptroller Squadron.

The 45th CPTS folks most of you are familiar with - the customer service and customer support sections - processed settlement vouchers for PCS/TDY travel from "last year" so those obligations could be properly accounted for.

The 45th CPTS budget operations office served as our "control center," constantly updating the staff on fund status. The programs and policy office ensured economic analyses were performed for major facility renovation

projects, while the business systems office and contractors from ExecuSys and Perot Systems monitored the bottom line, reconciling figures in various accounting and information systems.

The accounting liaison office ensured the correct amount of money was loaded into the right account when a decision was made to release funds. Two accountants from DFAS-Orlando were detailed to Patrick AFB to assist in entering valid obligations once contracts were awarded.

The 45th Contracting Squadron played a key role in this process. Converting the money to contracts, in accordance with a myriad of regulations and laws, is their specialty and they have been operating at a high OPSTEMPO for months to wring out this fiscal year end.

When the priority list was developed, the 45th CONS worked with each requesting organization on their requirements, treating each and every one as if it were funded. There is a significant amount of work that goes into each contract but the 45th CONS knew that reward comes to those that prepare.

So, they leaned forward, with CPTS, CE and numerous other organizations to make this a winning effort. Two acquisition lawyers relocated to the 45th CONS to facilitate reviews and awards. The foresight and pre-planning of the 45th CONS put us in a winning position to immediately execute contracts once the funding was provided by the CPTS.

In September, our senior leadership conducted periodic 'battle staff' meetings to monitor overall execution of the budget. Meetings were first held weekly and - by month's end - were increased to daily "battle staff" updates. It culminated with meetings about every other hour on Tuesday, a day when many RAs and GPC cardholders were on call to execute for their organizations just in case funding could be applied to their projects.

I had the opportunity to visit these work areas after hours and everyone was motivated and excited about doing their part to make sure we had done a thorough job. What a great team! I couldn't be prouder of all the men and women who helped us organize and execute this great game plan. Talk about synchronizing actions! It was the smoothest fiscal year closeout I've ever seen - we are ready to take on FY 04!

Now you'd think with all that work behind us we'd be set for October, but this month brings us two other important campaigns that I need you to focus equal fervor on. They are the Combined Federal Campaign and the Air Force Climate Survey.

The CFC started Monday and runs through



Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, gives 2nd Lt. Kiet Le, 45th Contracting Squadron, his Combined Federal Campaign voucher. (Photo by 1st Lt. Warren Comer)

Oct. 31. This annual fund-raiser puts thousands of charities at your fingertips so you have the opportunity to donate. Opportunity is the key word. While we think there is something that would appeal to everyone in the diverse listing, it is ultimately your choice whether to give. The goal is 100 percent contact.

The AF Climate Survey, which runs Oct 1 - Nov 23, has a goal of 100 percent participation. This is your chance to voice your opinion about your work environment. Please log onto the Web site (<http://afclimate-survey.af.mil>) - and tell us what you think. If you don't have a computer readily available at work you can log on at the Riverside Dining Facility, the Family Support Center, or the base library. You can even log on from home. It doesn't matter where you do it, just that you do it. We want to hear what you have to say.

Speaking of things to say, Dr. John Kline, professor and director of the Troy State Institute for Leadership Development, will be the guest speaker at our training seminar on recognition Wednesday. This is a mandatory course for all supervisors. The seminar will be offered twice that day ... 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., both times at the Base Theater. Recognizing achievement is a critical component of START and to help you "Get it" we're bringing in an expert to help inspire our supervisors at all levels. This was a suggestion made by our civilian oversight recommendation team and I think they are - once again - right on the money. Plan to attend one of these courses - I can't stress enough how important this is.



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Some AEF airmen will deploy longer

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials have determined that some airmen in Air and Space Expeditionary Force Blue will remain deployed longer than the scheduled 120 days.

Blue is the first of two transitional AEFs designed to bring the schedule back to a normal rotation. Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom forced the service into a contingency mode, breaking the normal steady-state deployment schedule.

Members of AEF Blue deployed in July for a scheduled 120 days. Airmen assigned to AEF Silver are set to replace Blue in November. Officials expect the deployment schedule to be back on track by March.

About 22,000 airmen are deployed for AEF Blue — about one in 10 will remain deployed longer than others, according to Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Peppe, special assistant for AEF matters at the Pentagon.

"Those folks are in what we term our stressed career fields," Maj. Gen. Peppe said. "About 2,300 people may be gone longer than 120 days."

"Primarily it is security forces who are extended," he said. "Some of the others may include air traffic control, civil engineering, services, medical and intelligence personnel."

Currently, AEF Center officials at Langley Air Force Base, Va., are working with combatant commanders and their Air Force components to size AEF Silver, the general said. Requirements

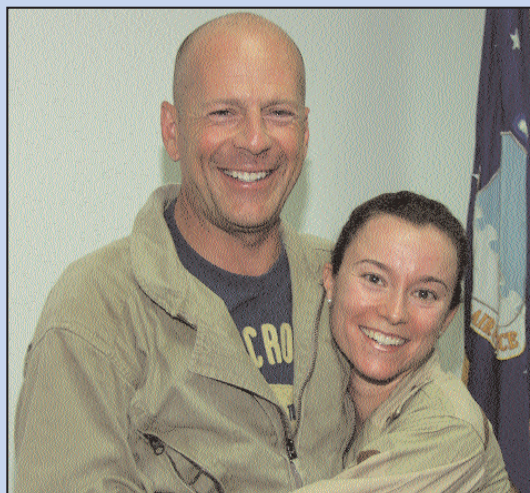
are now just above 17,000, with more work to be done.

The general acknowledged the extra effort, but pointed out the purpose of the two AEFs is to put the Air Force back into the regular "battle rhythm."

The Air Force battle rhythm was designed to provide continuity and predictability to the airmen who support Air Force steady-state commitments around the globe. Such commitments would have included operations like Operation Northern Watch, but could be used to provide Air Force capability wherever it is needed, Maj. Gen. Peppe said.

In January, AEF 7 and AEF 8 airmen were actively supporting Air Force commitments around the globe. When it became clear there was need for a force buildup to support operations in Iraq, the Air Force "froze" them in place, effectively making their return-home date indefinite. As operational needs increased, the Air Force tapped into more AEFs, taking from each successive force package only what was needed, Maj. Gen. Peppe said. By the time it was all over, every AEF had been affected to some degree.

"We literally had some people from every AEF deployed (to) Iraq in some capacity," Maj. Gen. Peppe said. "We ended up deploying about 50,000 (airmen) and identified another 60,000 who could have gone."



Hey, it's Bruce

1st Lt. Reina Chaperon, 45th Comptroller Squadron, met movie star Bruce Willis Sunday while deployed to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing at an undisclosed location for Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Courtesy photo)

Those airmen identified to support earlier operations, but who never actually deployed, are manning AEF Silver.

It is the remaining 60,000 "could-have-gone" airmen who were assigned to Blue and Silver. When AEF Silver's scheduled deployment ends, airmen assigned to AEF 7 and AEF 8 will be vulnerable for deployment as the Air Force re-establishes its battle rhythm.

"An AEF is built to be used for whatever the nation asks it to do," Maj. Gen. Peppe said. "It can be for an exercise, a contingency or a full-up war. It can be used for anything."



Commander Q&A:

Q: What is your squadron's mission?

A: We're responsible for operating and maintaining Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. As the Det. 1 commander, I exercise operational control over 45th Mission Support Group personnel supporting CCAFS through security, civil engineering, contracting and services. We also manage the Cape's infrastructure to include facility construction and repairs, electrical power, water supply with many other functions that keep the base operational.

Q: How does your squadron contribute to the space mission?

A: We provide insight and indirect control over every function that goes into launching rockets. It's fair to say that we don't launch the rocket, but they do not launch without us.

Lt. Col. Robert Atkins,

Detachment 1 commander, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station

Q: How important is space to the overall Air Force Mission?

A: Our mission is vital. Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom have proven the importance of our space assets. At the 45th Space Wing, those capabilities are born on our launch pads. Assured access to space is the critical link in providing our forces combat capabilities to win wars and do so with minimal attrition and collateral damage.

Q: What is the most important thing you focus on at the Cape?

A: Maintaining and sustaining mission support capabilities is our number one focus. However, quality of life is a close second. The Cape has a lot to offer and I am working hard to make it a great place to work and play.

No plan to extend Air Reserve Component deployments

About 12,000 deployed Reserve airmen have already returned

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials do not plan to extend the involuntary deployment of Reserve and Air National Guard airmen to Iraq.

About 4,700 ANG and Reserve airmen are deployed supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. According to a senior Air Force official, about 12,000 deployed Air Reserve Component airmen have already returned home.

“The (Air Force’s) position all along has been that ARC personnel will be released when they’ve completed what they set out to do,” said Col. Richard M. Stedding, senior military adviser to the deputy secretary of the Air Force for Reserve affairs.

“The importance of returning our citizen airmen to their families and civilian jobs is well-known, and we continue to strive toward that,” he said.

The Air Force is following a standing policy of doing what it can to avoid extend-

ing deployments, Col. Stedding said.

“Combatant commanders have been (asked) to make sure ARC personnel are released ... in sufficient time to return to their home units, reconstitute, take needed leave and process off active duty,” Col. Stedding said.

Army officials extended their Reserve soldiers on active duty based on mission requirements, the colonel said.

“Many provisions have been made to rotate personnel in order to maintain the health of the force and to meet the needs of the mission,” he said.

The Air Force is in the first of two 120-day transitional air and space expeditionary forces that are designed to bring the service’s deployment rotation schedule back on track by March. AEF Blue airmen deployed in July, and airmen of AEF Silver are scheduled to replace them in November.

“Everything is on track to resume the new steady state rotations of the AEF,” Col. Stedding said. “That’s not to say that there won’t still be some ARC members mobilized in March, but the numbers should be small and the rationale great.”

VA officials ask former POWs to contact them

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Department of Veterans Affairs officials want former prisoners of war who are not using VA benefits to contact the department to find out if they may be eligible for disability compensation and other services.

More than 23,000 former prisoners of war already receive compensation from the VA. This year, the department mailed information about benefits to another 4,700 known ex-POWs not on its rolls; however, VA officials estimate they do not have an address for as many as 11,000 more former POWs.

Officials are asking former POWs not receiving benefits who did not receive a VA letter recently to call the department at (800) 827-1000.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi said the VA has expanded policies to cover increasing numbers of former POWs as new illnesses have been found related to captivity. The administration currently is pressing to get even more compensation and medical care benefits for former POWs.

“These veterans sacrificed for their country in time of war, and it’s the nation’s turn to serve them, to help them determine if they are entitled to compensation, health care or other services,” Mr. Principi said.

According to the VA, 90 percent of former POWs are veterans of World War II, and their service predates the use of Social Security numbers as a military “service number.” That, coupled with the decades that have elapsed since their service, makes it difficult for the department to track down those who have not opened a file with the VA in recent years, VA officials said.

The most recent expansion of VA benefits for former POWs was included in a July regulation change that added cirrhosis of the liver to the list of diseases to which entitlement to disability compensation is presumed for former POWs. Similar policies making it easier for former POWs to obtain compensation have been enacted for POWs detained for 30 days or more who develop specific illnesses.



Col., Lt. Col. promotions announced

To Colonel:

45th Aero-medical Dental Squadron
Lt. Col. James J. Carroll

To Lieutenant Colonel:

Air Force Technical Applications Center
Maj. Matthew J. Bohn
Maj. James R. Bray
Maj. Robert A. Crews
Maj. John C. Richard

45th Civil Engineer Squadron
Maj. Peter A. Sartori



Officials set holiday mailing dates, policies

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON - The dates for mailing items to and from overseas locations in time for the holidays are fast approaching, and Military Postal Service Agency officials have suggestions for ensuring packages and letters arrive on time.

In fact, customers who mail early may save money and still have an on-time delivery, said Mark DeDomenic, chief of operations at the agency.

"As we get closer to Christmas, the mail volumes get higher, and therefore mail takes longer to be delivered," he said.

The recommended mail deadlines for sending mail from the United States to all overseas military mailing addressees for the holidays are:

- Parcel post: Nov. 13
- Space-available mail: Nov. 28
- Parcel-airlift mail: Dec. 4
- Priority and first-class letters or cards: Dec. 11

These dates should allow family's mail to reach deployed members during the holiday season.

Customs forms are required on all international mail and shipments should be properly packaged before sending them overseas, Mr. Domenic said.

"Customers should always remember to ensure they package their parcels in strong boxes and use a lot of packing material," he said. "Popcorn or newspaper makes for great packaging material."

He also suggested customers use a nylon-fiber reinforced tape to bundle up their packages. "Strong boxes and good internal packing is important," he said.

While the United States has restrictions on mailing items such as poisons and weapons, other countries have their own restrictions for what can be mailed, Mr. DeDomenic said. Postal customers need to consider the length of the journey overseas and the final destination when considering what to send.

"I would advise customers to not mail perishable items and to ensure they do not mail things such as batteries, hazardous materials or weapons," Mr. DeDomenic said. "Items such as coffee or tobacco are restricted to certain locations. If there is any doubt as to (if an item can be mailed), customers should always check



Bruce Feagan, Patrick Air Force Base mail clerk and vehicle operator, sorts mail Monday morning. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery)

with their local post office."

Because of security restrictions, mass-mailing operations such as Operation Dear Abby or the "Any Servicemember" mailing program are not being supported by the agency, he said.

Postal agency officials encourage servicemembers to support the publicly available Web sites that allow the American public to write supportive letters to them.

Wing IMA gets PEP'ed

By Ida Barry
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Senior Master Sgt. Tom Young is "pepped" up.

The 45th Space Wing Security Forces Individual Mobilization Augmentee was promoted last week under the highly competitive special Promotional Enhancement Program.

"I have an overwhelming sense of pride and dedication for this unexpected surprise," said Senior Master Sgt. Young. "Being selected as a senior master sergeant offers me an opportunity to provide a positive impact in not only my career field but the entire reserve program."

PEP, equivalent to the active-duty STEP program, is a commander's program designed to promote outstanding and well-deserving Air Force Reserve Command personnel one grade over the Unit Manning Document position to which assigned and those airmen blocked for promotion under unit vacancy in the ranks of staff sergeant through senior master sergeant.

"Only those individuals who clearly demonstrate potential will be considered for promotion under the PEP," said Master Sgt. Janet Riley, 45th SW IMA administrator. "This is not a 'gimme' promotion. It's a whole person - whole career program. Along with meeting the minimum requirements, NCO academy, the right skill level, time in service and time in grade you are evaluated against your peers. It doesn't happen all the time to everybody."

Senior Master Sgt. Young was mobilized under presidential orders to serve with the Security Forces squadron right after the 9/11 attacks. During his two-year active duty tour he served as the superintendent of the training section.

"Under the PEP, an individual has to contribute something of such high caliber that they leave their mark in a way that impresses the commander enough to want to submit them for this promotion opportunity," said Master Sgt. Riley. "He conducted and worked exceptional training programs while he was mobilized. He was a great leader to the troops and earned their respect. He was their shining star."

Along with his new stripes, Senior Master Sgt. Young was also presented with his trophy for being chosen as the Air Force Space Command's 2002 IMA of the year in the Senior NCO category.

He recently came off active duty and serves as a sergeant with the Brevard County Sheriff's Department where he has worked for the past



Individual Mobilization Augmentee Senior Master Sgt. Tom Young was mobilized by the 45th Security Forces Squadron after the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. He was tapped for promotion under the Promotion Enhancement Program Sept. 25. In his civilian job he is a sergeant with the Brevard County Sheriff's Department. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

11 years.

"I'm so proud of him for his accomplishments. He's worked very hard for years and I have watched him provide leadership and guidance to young airmen in both personal and professional matters," said his wife, Sharon. "It's great to see him receive recognition for his efforts - he truly believes in his work ethic - 'lead from the front!'"

Class makes families more effective

By Ida Barry
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A new training program will be introduced to the 45th Space Wing's Air Force couples and single parents in November.

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Air Force Families is a course that was developed with collaboration of the Franklin Covey Corporation and the Air Mobility Command. A pilot course, held earlier this year at AMC, proved very successful so the 45th SW is ready to implement it.

"We realize that we recruit airmen but we retain families," said Judy Nicholson, 45th SW START director. "This course is designed to do just that."

According to Ms. Nicholson, the course focuses on principals used in building family relationships and setting goals as a family. The course expands on family issues such as marriage, separation and birth of a child or even divorce, and explores ways of handling and adapting to these situations. Other topics to be addressed include family finances, relocations, separations and reunions due to deployments.

One of the habits encourages a family mission statement be implemented.

"Having a plan helps keep the family focused," said Ms. Nicholson. "It lets everyone know what the family is about and where they are going as a family. This assists in building family traditions, unity and a more nurturing family culture that pulls the family together."

The first course is scheduled for Nov. 21-22 at the Manatee Cove Golf Course and is open to all active-duty wing and mission partner personnel. It is also opened to active-duty personnel of other branches of service with priority going to Air Force personnel. The class on Nov. 21 is 5:30 - 9 p.m. and the workshop on Saturday is 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The class is free and limited to 25 to 30 couples or single parents. The course can be as short as 10 hours depending on class discussion. A buffet-style meal will be served at a cost.



Larry Fulk, Family Support Center, (from left), Tech. Sgt. Stephen Love, 45th Military Equal Opportunity Office, and July Nicholson, 45th Manpower Office, review plans for the upcoming 7 Habits of Highly Effective Air Force Families course. The first course is planned for Nov. 21-22 at the Manatee Cove Golf Course. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

When registration for this course reaches its limit, a waiting list will be established and more courses will be offered based on the interest, according to Ms. Nicholson.

"Couples and single parents attending this class will make their lives better and enrich themselves as individuals," said Ms. Nicholson. "What they learn from this course can also spill over into their work and affect their work relationships."

Individuals interested in attending the course should contact Judy Nicholson at 494-0811.

CCAFS members get CAC at Cape Oct. 15

By 1st Lt. Warren Comer
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Mission Personnel Flight, in cooperation with the Air Force Personnel Center, will provide military, civilian and DoD contracted personnel at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station the opportunity to get their Common Access Card made at a Mobile Registration Unit starting Oct. 15.

"The MRU will assist the 45th Mission Support Squadron accomplish the wing's goal to ensure everyone has a CAC at a much quicker rate than we would be able to attain at the MPF," said 2nd Lt. Kim Olmstead, 45th Mission Personnel Flight chief of customer service. "The MRU will only produce a CAC, update your e-mail address in case you've recently had a per-

manent change of station and change or update your personal identification number."

The MRU will not be able to process updates to and individual's Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System listing.

Before the MRU arrives, Cape personnel need to log onto the MRU scheduling Web site at <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/scheduler.htm> to make an appointment. Once there, individuals will be lead through a step-by-step process on how to receive their CAC. Everyone should ensure that they make an appointment under the Cape Canaveral listing on the Web site.

All personnel who would like to make use of this service must schedule their appointment by Oct. 14.

"Only certain bases throughout the Air Force have been given the opportunity of making use

of the MRU," said 2nd Lt. Olmstead. "People need to take advantage of this opportunity. This will be the only time people have the opportunity to receive their CAC at the Cape."

The MRU will be located next to Hangar F in the CCAFS Industrial Area. Mobile Registration Unit personnel can fill roughly 40 appointments daily during its 42 day stay. For the MRU to stay this long, Cape personnel need to make use of the facility while it's here.

Public Key Infrastructure works hand-in-hand with the CAC, allowing the cards to run effectively and securely. For questions regarding PKI, please call Senior Airman Christopher Ball at 494-2684.

For more information regarding the MRU, call the 45th MPF's customer service section at 494-6144.

DOD investigating AF translator for espionage

By Donna Miles

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON - The Defense Department is continuing its investigations into two cases associated with the confinement facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in which an Air Force translator is charged with espionage and an Army chaplain is being held pending charges.

Raul Duany, spokesman for U.S. Southern Command, said the military has no information at this time that the two cases are connected.

Senior Airman Ahmad I. Al Halabi, assigned to the 60th Logistical Readiness Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., is being held in pre-trial confinement at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., following his Article 32 hearing last week. An Article 32 hearing is the military's equivalent of a preliminary hearing and grand jury process in the civilian justice system.

Air Force spokeswoman Lt. Col. Jean Schaefer said Senior Airman Al Halabi, who was apprehended July 23 at Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Fla., is charged with numerous Uniform Code of Military Justice violations. These include three charges of aiding the enemy, four charges of espionage, and nine charges of making false statements. Four other charges allege violations of the U.S. Code relating to espionage and to executing a fraudulent credit scheme.

The six-page charge sheet against Senior Airman Al Halabi, a native of Syria, accuses him of activities at Jacksonville NAS on the day of his arrest conducted "with intent or reason to believe it would be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of Syria." These include delivering three e-mail messages containing classified information about the detainees at Guantanamo Bay, and attempting to deliver two handwritten notes and more than 180 electronic versions of written notes from detainees to a third party to be carried to Syria.

The writings "directly concerned intelligence gathering and planning for the United States' war against terrorism," the charge sheet against Senior Airman Al Halabi notes.

He also is accused of e-mailing detainees' names, countries of origin, addresses, and corresponding internment serial numbers "to unauthorized person or persons whom he, the accused, knew to be the enemy" and of failing to report to military authorities that he had made contact with the Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Other charges against Senior Airman Al Halabi accuse him of wrongfully taking photographs of facilities in and around Camp Delta, of improperly handling classified information, of unauthorized communication with detainees and of failing to report other servicemembers' unauthorized communications or attempted communications with detainees.

Lt. Col. Schaefer said these activities occurred between December and July, when Al Halabi was on temporary duty at Guantanamo Bay serving as a translator. He was apprehended at Jacksonville NAS when he returned to the United States on personal leave. Senior Airman Al Halabi was transported to Travis AFB the following day.

Brig. Gen. Bradley S. Baker, commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis and the special court-martial convening authority for the case, is awaiting the report of investigation following Al Halabi's Article 32 hearing, which was held Sept. 15 to 18 at Vandenberg AFB.

Based on the report's recommendations, Lt. Col. Schaefer said Brig. Gen. Baker could choose to proceed with a court-martial or take other actions, as appropriate.

Meanwhile, a military magistrate ruled Sept. 15 that the military has sufficient reason to hold Army Capt. Yousef Yee while it continues its investigation into his case.

Mr. Duany said Capt. Yee was arrested at Jacksonville NAS on Sept. 10 and is being held at the Naval Consolidated Brig at Charleston, S.C.

No formal charges have been filed against Capt. Yee. Mr. Duany explained that the UCMJ gives the military up to 120 days to formally charge an accused servicemember and begin a trial.

Capt. Yee, a 1990 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, served as an artillery officer with a Patriot missile battery in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War. U.S. Southern Command spokesman Steve Lucas said Capt. Yee left active duty and traveled to Syria to study Islam, changing his first name from Joseph to Yousef. He returned to active duty and completed the Army Chaplain's Officer Basic Course in April 2001.

Following an assignment with the 29th Signal Battalion at Fort Lewis, Wash., Capt. Yee spent 10 months with Joint Task Force Guantanamo as a Muslim chaplain. In that capacity, Mr. Lucas said Capt. Yee served as an Islamic adviser to the JTF commander and counseled muslim detainees.

Retirement-eligible civilian employees should prepare

By Master Sgt. Ron Tull
AFPC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

There are 22,735 Air Force civilian employees eligible for retirement, and by 2008 the number will increase to 49,816. Officials say retirement eligible employees need to start thinking about their retirement now.

Potential retirees are highly encouraged to contact the Benefits Entitlements Service Team, or "BEST," on the Web or by phone for a calculation of projected retirement pay.

Information on benefits and planning - both key to making good retirement choices - is also available, says Mrs. Maria Molly, team chief.

"We want folks to start thinking about retirement the day they come on board," says Mrs. Molly. "It's never too early."

She advises employees planning to retire to contact BEST at least one year before retiring to

receive counseling. Applications should be filed 90 to 120 days prior to the effective date of retirement.

One-on-one counseling is also available over the phone, says Mrs. Molly.

"We have employee information at our fingertips and a BEST counselor can cover issues from health care insurance to options for withdrawing from their Thrift Savings Plan account," she says.

During the process, BEST sends out three update letters to keep the potential retiree informed.

The first letter acknowledges receipt of the application and the next notifies the employee of their eligibility to retire. The third letter is notification that the retirement application has been sent to the servicing finance office.

"The final stop is the office of personnel management, where the retirement is finalized and

retirement payments are started," Mrs. Molly says.

Civilian appropriated-fund employees serviced by BEST can obtain additional information at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/retiring.htm.

Benefits counselors may be reached toll-free 1(800) 997-2378. Hearing impaired, can call TDD 1 (800) 382-0893 or commercial (210) 527-2276. Benefits counselors are available weekdays from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Central Time.

Every six months the 45th Mission Support Squadron's Civilian Personnel Flight offers a mid-career retirement seminar for employees with more than five years left before retirement and pre-retirement seminars for employees with less than five years remaining. For information call the CPF at 494-5238.





Shuttle support visit

A Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp cadet tries on an astronaut's space suit at Florida Air Academy. Members of the Department of Defense Manned Space Flight Support Office recently gave Air Force cadets from Florida Air Academy an orientation on how the DoD is involved in support of NASA's space shuttle fleet. The space suit protects astronauts during liftoff and landing. (Courtesy photo)

Retiree spouses' seminar on tap

The 18th Annual Military Retiree Spouses' Seminar is Saturday, 9 a.m. - noon in the base theater. All area military retiree spouses and surviving spouses are invited to attend. The seminar offers information on finance, legal, social security, TRICARE, casualty assistance and more. Call 2nd Lt. Bernice Zollner at 494-2894 for more information.

Closed for construction

Patrick's Pass and Registration Office, Bldg. 577 parking lot, at Patrick's main gate is closed due to construction. Temporary visitor parking is located in the base theater parking lot.

MPF closed Oct. 8

The Military Personnel Flight is closed Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. due to an official function. Normal hours will resume Thursday. For more details, call Master Sgt. Vidal Reyes at 494-6144.

Official travel explained

Manassas Travel will issue official temporary duty airline tickets Mondays - Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., during normal hours of operation. Tickets are issued until 3 p.m. on

Fridays. A copy of travel orders or verbal authorization from a commander is needed to obtain tickets.

Cape has beach cleanup

Cape Canaveral Air Force Station has rescheduled the beach cleanup for Thursday from noon - 4 p.m. To register, contact Shawn Fisher at 853-6824, or Angy Chambers at 853-6822. Only badged personnel will be able to participate in the CCAFS cleanup.

Get legal assistance at Cape

Personnel eligible to receive legal assistance services may receive legal counsel at CCAFS every other Tuesday.

Appointments need to be scheduled from 8-10 a.m. For more information and to make an appointment, call 494-7357.

Get supervisor recognition training

A mandatory training meeting will be held to help orient military and civilian supervisors on the process of recognizing their subordinates.

All supervisors are required to attend this course at the Base Theater Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. or 1-4 p.m. Dr. John Kline, professor and director of the Troy State Institute for

Leadership Development, will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Alicia Holmes at 494-8398.

Commissary lot closed

The southwest parking lot of the Commissary is scheduled for closure Thursday for upgrading of the new motorcycle training range. For more information contact Bill James at 494-2202.

BCC basketball sponsors military day

The Brevard Community College basketball team offers active duty, Guard, Reserve, retired military members and their guests free admittance for their military appreciation day Nov. 1 at the BCC Melbourne campus. The women's game will be at 3 p.m. and the men's game is at 5 p.m. There will be music and door prizes throughout the event.

A military member is also needed to sing the national anthem. For more information, call Tech Sgt. Jaini King at 494-9383 or Aimee Greenberg at 494-0842.

CGOA holds golf tournament

The Space Coast Company Grade Officer Association holds a golf tournament on Oct. 10 with registration from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. with shotgun start at 1 p.m. The tournament is open to everyone. Proceeds benefit the Combined Federal Campaign. Cost is \$30 to include green fees, golf cart and lunch.

Players will play longest drive and closest hit to the pin. Anyone wanting to play needs to R.S.V.P. by Monday. For more information, contact Capt. Bryan Ford at 494-1887.

AVA recognizes spouses

The American Veteran Awards is taking nominations for the American military spouse as the world's best supporter. People may pick up a nomination form Oct. 30 - Nov. 9 at the Commissary or enter anytime at <http://www.avashow.com>. All nominations must be submitted by Nov. 9 at 9 p.m.

The Military Spouse Award is bestowed to four recipients who have demonstrated exceptional volunteer accomplishments and ability to sustain the homefront during a long deployment period or times of family separation.

The four recipients receive free travel and attend the television taping in Beverly Hills, Calif., from Nov. 20-23.

FSC offers courses, orientation

On Tuesday, the Family Support Center offers an Employment Orientation from 9:30 a.m. - noon and a Couples Communication course from 10-11:30 a.m. On Wednesday, FSC holds a Resume Class from 8-11:30 a.m. and Sponsorship Training from 9-11 a.m. A Pre-Separation Briefing is Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. On Oct. 10, a Pre-Deployment Briefing is scheduled for 8-11:30 a.m.

All events are in Bldg. 722, the FSC, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call Joel La Fuente at 494-5675.



Dorm upgrades

Senior Airman Hector Bono, assistant dorm manager, brings new linens to dorm rooms used by airmen living there. Airmen also received new mattresses for their beds. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery)

DoD unveils new R&R leave program

By John D. Banusiewicz
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Servicemembers and Defense Department civilians on 12-month orders in Iraq supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom now have a rest and recuperation leave program. The program allows them to take up to 15 days, excluding travel time, to visit family or friends in the United States or Europe.

David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, approved a U.S. Central Command request for the program Sept. 23. Participants have the choice of traveling free from Iraq to gateway airports in Atlanta, Baltimore, Dallas, Los Angeles or Frankfurt, Germany. CENTCOM officials said the program's trial period, now under way, will accommodate up to 270 people a day, with hopes of expanding that number significantly as the program matures, perhaps to as many as 800 per day.

"U.S. Central Command thinks quite a bit about the readiness of its forces," said Marine Corps Maj. Pete Mitchell, a CENTCOM spokesman. "When it was determined that U.S. forces were going to be spending 12-month tours in Iraq, the first thing we thought about was providing for the welfare of these forces, because providing for their welfare is improving readiness."

Maj. Mitchell explained that each local commander in Iraq will have a specific number of allocations for the program at any given time, and will invoke operational requirements in deciding who goes and when. But, he added, CENTCOM's goal is to "go to the absolute threshold" in accommodating as many people as possible without affecting operations.

CENTCOM officials said R&R periods are limited to one per 12-month period. Because of the small scale of the initial part of the program and the fact that some units will return to their home bases before everyone is able to participate, not everyone serving in Iraq will be able to take advantage of the program.

Dental flight gets major upgrades

New materials include carpets, windows, X-Ray unit to better serve patient needs at clinic

By 1st Lt. Warren Comer
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Recently, the 45th Aero-medical Dental Squadron underwent an almost \$300,000 facility upgrade of its windows, wall coverings, flooring, carpets and a renovated dental lab to help them provide service to almost 3,200 active-duty members, activated Reservists and Guardsmen.

The facelift was to provide better dental facilities and maintain state-of-the-art medical facilities for those working at and using dental services at Patrick Air Force Base.

"We go to extreme effort to maintain the appearance of our facilities," said Lt. Col. Jeff Jessup, 45th ADOS flight commander. "This will be an ongoing effort to continue to pursue increased and updated facilities for our patients."

The main mission of the 45th ADOS is to provide dental service to active-duty or activated military members who need to be prepared for deployments to operations such as Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"We provide them treatment or refer them to civilian dentists," said Lt. Col. Jessup. "Over the last year, 25 percent of our support was to deploying members."

The dental facility was renovated after wear and tear problems relat-



Staff Sgts. Dorothy Losh and Greg Hernandez, dental clinic records and reception personnel, make patient records entries while Eileen Clemons, a dental hygienist, pulls a patients records. (Photos by Jim Laviska)



Dr. (Capt.) Ryan Schumacher, dentist, and Ms. Veronica Keaton, a dental assistant, clean an airman's teeth during a routine checkup appointment Tuesday.

ed to improper window insulation that allowed the hot Florida weather to have an effect on the equipment that allowed dentists and technicians to provide world-class support to their patients.

They also received a new X-ray machine that greatly reduced the time a patient is exposed to the radiation required to take an X-ray image.

The 45th ADOS replaced their Heating Ventilation and Cooling, or HVAC, as well. The new HVAC unit better circulates air throughout the building while keeping down humidity levels that can further degrade the facility over time.

"The biggest problem we were facing was the way the facility looked," said Staff Sgt. Angel Lopez Portillo, 45th AMDS NCOIC of the facility.

"The facility renovation demonstrates our commitment to providing our patients with the highest quality of dental care in the most up-to-date, modern facilities reasonable," said Lt. Col. Jessup. "The renovation has significantly improved the quality of where we work and where our patients receive care, thus improving all of our pride and professionalism in the 45th Space Wing."



Ms. Lauri Kelnhoter, a dental lab technician, checks a mold of a patients teeth Tuesday.

45th Weather Squadron stops rainy days from spoiling 45 SW mission objectives

By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Clouds appear in the sky, casting a grey shadow over Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Crews scurry to finish their jobs and pick up gear with expectations of a rain soaked afternoon. The battle never seems to end.

In the 45th Weather Squadron's weather station at the Cape computers flash images of radar on screen. The room is full of some of the most advanced equipment in the United States. Its the job of the 45th Weather Squadron to keep an eye on Mother Nature and assure the success of Patrick AFB and the space launch mission.

These airmen and civilians spend 365 days a year tracking the weather throughout Florida, sometimes giving up the opportunity to spend holidays with family.



First Lt. Darren Murphy, 45th Weather Squadron launch weather officer, holds a weather balloon the 45th WS uses to collect weather data.



Joel Tumbiolo, 45th Weather Squadron launch weather officer for Delta II and IV programs, works directly with launch customers. Communicating weather information on launch day. He can delay a launch if conditions aren't suitable. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery)

Florida is home to some of the nation's most weather impacted areas.

According to William Roeder, 45th Weather Squadron chief meteorologist, Florida is considered "lightning alley" with the most thunderstorms in the United States.

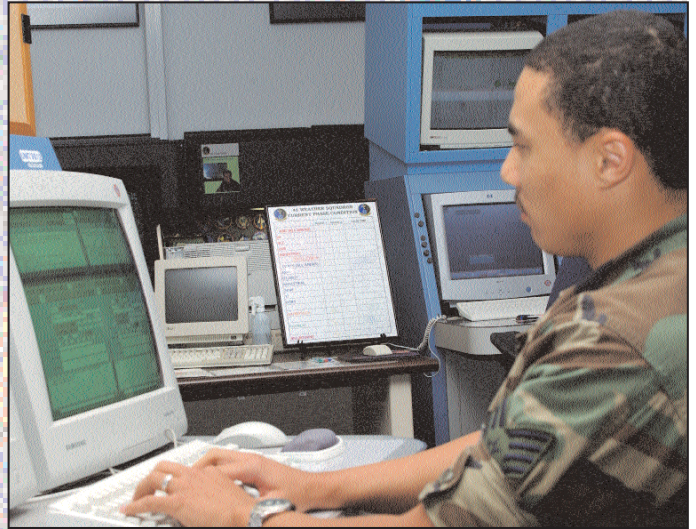
"Weather is one of the leading sources of scrubs and delays to space launch," said Mr. Roeder. "Most people immediately think of lightning as the biggest impact on space launch, but the impacts of thunderstorms on ground processing operations, getting the rockets ready, also play a major role."

In order to keep operations flowing smoothly, commanders need to know what affect the weather is going to have on day-to-day operations.

"Weather has impact on everything we do here at Patrick and the Cape," said Capt. Mike McAleenan, 45th Weather Squadron training and standardization. "We take care of huge assets." According to Capt. McAleenan, his duty is to make sure everyone in the weather station is proficient on the forecasting equipment, and that everyone is on the same page.

"This base is unique because of the mission," said Capt. McAleenan. "Normally we are concerned with aircraft, but the weather has much different effects on launch vehicles."

Some of the daily duties performed in the weather station include: writing forecasts, publishing a flying forecast every eight hours. Range weather forecasters put together weekly and 24-hour planning forecasts. They take questions from people who want to know the weather, and they give reports to commanders



Staff Sgt. James Bills, 45th Weather Squadron range weather forecaster, is responsible for providing constant weather information, from thunderstorms to high winds, to members of Patrick AFB and the Cape.

and track lightning.

"All parts of the space launch mission need the weather squadron to get their jobs done," said Staff Sgt. Matt Mitchell, 45th Weather Squadron range weather forecaster.

"Working with the shuttle program is one of the most unique parts of this job," said Tech. Sgt. David Cien. He has flown in the lead plane as the shuttle makes its way back from Edwards Air Force Base. Sitting with the pilots, airmen like Tech. Sgt. Cien provide the plane transporting the shuttle with a safe path back to Kennedy Space Center.

Joel Tumbiolo, 45th Weather Squadron launch weather officer for the Delta II and IV programs, has been working to ensure the safe flights of launch vehicles for the past 12 years. "It's my job to know the answers when the launch customer has questions," he said. "I have to be aware of all precautions because we're working with billion dollar equipment." It's that knowledge that keeps the mission on track.

"My favorite part of this job is forecasting the weather and having it be correct so we can have a successful launch."

By keeping their eyes and ears to the sky, the 45th Weather Squadron is providing sound information that makes the 45th Space Wing the premier gateway to space.

Mission success depends on Project Emeritus

Retirees get back into the military picture

By Staff Sgt. Tom Czerwinski
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

If asked, most people at Patrick Air Force Base would not know how all the work gets done when there are personnel shortages. What they don't know is that one of the real successes to the mission at Patrick and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station are the volunteers for Project Emeritus.

They are many of the volunteers you see around Patrick and the Cape greeting everybody with a warm friendly smile just as they did years ago when they wore the uniform of the armed forces.

Implemented in 1990, Project Emeritus is a volunteer program designed to recruit volunteers from the retired military population to assist base personnel in area of mission support operations, according to retired Senior Master Sgt. Al Risley, an office manager for Project Emeritus.

"We match skills of the retired population and fill the needs of base units to help accomplish the mission here," said Mr. Risley.

Unlike the Retiree Activities Office mandated by law, Project Emeritus is a charter organization sanctioned by the wing commander. The project's name stems from the Latin word Emeritus, meaning "retired from active duty," according to Webster's dictionary. Project



Retired Army Master Sgt. Ralph Tunstill volunteers his time as the first aid kit manager at 45 MDSS medical logistics warehouse. He recently was awarded a certificate of a achievement for completing 8,000 hours of volunteer service. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Tom Czerwinski)

Emeritus employs only military retirees and their spouses.

The idea behind Project Emeritus is to tap into special skills and life experiences that military retirees have to offer because minimal training is usually needed, said Mr. Risley.

"We currently employ 69 people," said Mr. Risley. "That number is only half of what we had a year ago, so volunteers are desperately needed to fill vacant positions."

There are a wide variety of jobs that volunteers fill. Originally the program was started to staff and run the vehicle pass and registration office where the largest numbers Project Emeritus volunteers still work.

There is every type of job imaginable here, said Mr. Risley. Volunteers work everywhere in places such as the 45th Medical Group, Family Support Center, Sports and Fitness Center and the 45th Mission Personnel Flight customer service area. The Cape also has volunteer tour guides operating the Space and Missile Museum.

Volunteers are asked to work a minimum of three hours per day and up to five days per week, depending on the need of the unit and the willingness of the volunteer. On the average

most volunteers have 2,000 hours of time credited, according to Mr. Risley. The only compensation for working here is the satisfaction that people get from knowing they have served the community; however Certificate of Achievement awards are given after 150 hours of service and again for every 500 hours worked.

Retired Master Sgt. Ralph Tunstill has been working with the 45th Medical Support Group's medical logistics warehouse since 1995 and is credited with 8,000 hours of service, the highest credited volunteer on base.

"My job here is being the first aid kit manager. I supply and re-stock all of the individual and general purpose first aid kits are distributed to the wing and tenant organizations," said Mr. Tunstill. "I volunteer my time here because I know this is a job that is important to mission success and training. I want to keep working, but at my age it's hard to find a paying job."

Retired servicemember or the spouse of a military retiree who wants to volunteer spare time putting your past skills, talents and experiences to use, should contact the Project Emeritus office at 494-7656.



Retired Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joe Chrzaszcz issues DoD vehicle decals at the 45th Security Forces Pass and Registration Office.



During the fourth annual "Salute to Brevard Residents" free weekend, visitors to Kennedy Space Center can check out an IMAX(r) movie and the new Astronaut Hall of Fame. (Courtesy Photo)

Brevard residents treated to free weekend at KSC

To show its appreciation for the support of Brevard County residents, Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex presents the fourth annual "Salute to Brevard Residents" Free Weekend Oct. 10-12.

Throughout the three-day celebration, Brevard County residents can enjoy free admission to Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex by showing proof of residency (driver's license or utility bill). Brevard residents can also take advantage of pre-holiday shopping at the Visitor Complex, with a 10 percent discount in the world's largest retail Space Shop.

The Visitor Complex will

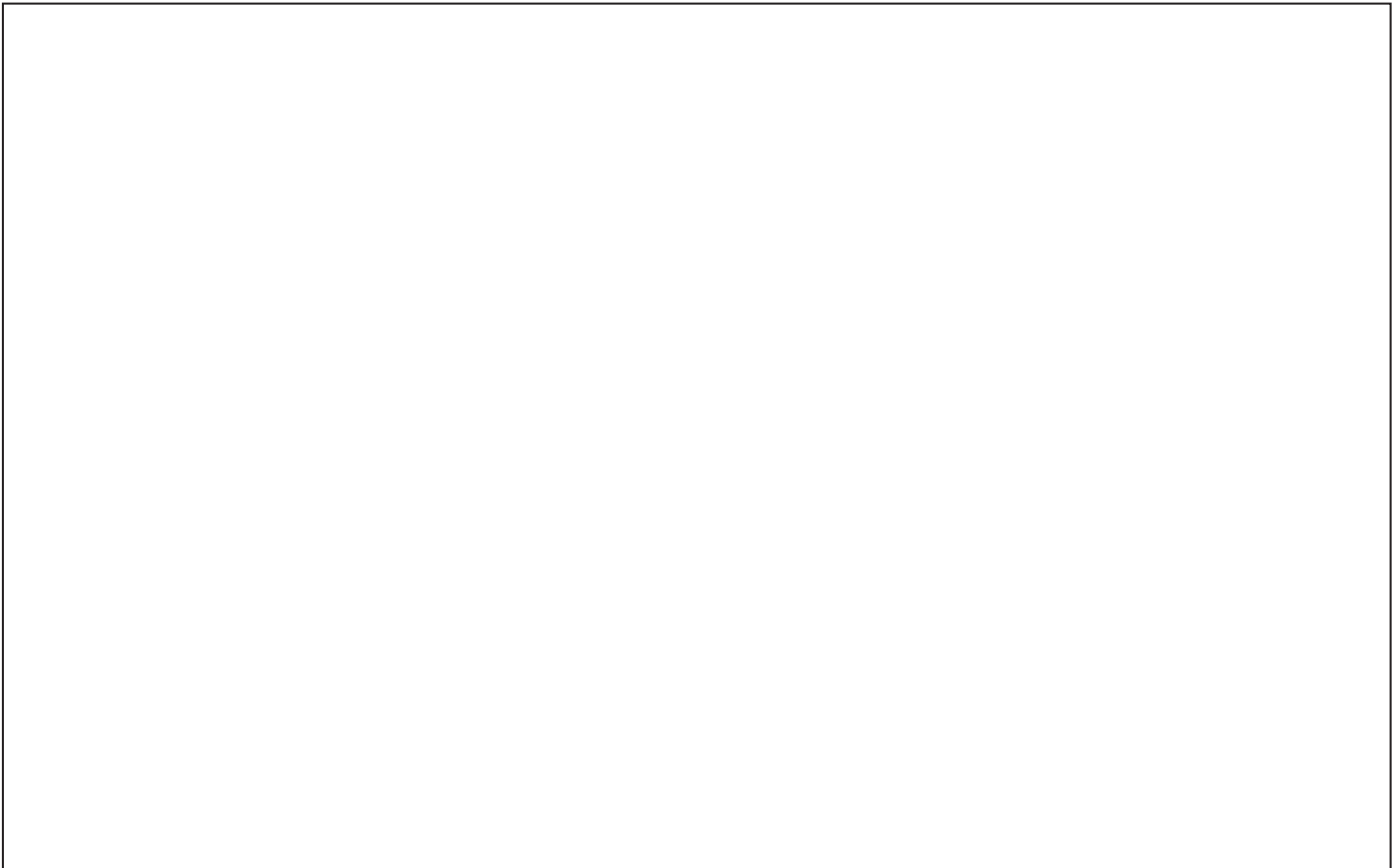
collect canned goods and non-perishable food items to benefit the Brevard County Sharing Centers. While not mandatory for admission, the suggested donation is one food item or canned good per guest.

"Our Salute to Brevard weekend is a way for us to thank the people of Brevard for their continued support of our mission, to tell the NASA story and inspire all people to support the exploration of space," said Dan LeBlanc, chief operating officer of Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts at KSC, Inc., who operate the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex for NASA.

"We're especially excited

this year to offer our guests the opportunity to visit the Astronaut Hall of Fame, the newest edition to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex experience," Mr. LeBlanc added.

Admission includes all exhibits and programs at the Visitor Complex, KSC Bus Tour, IMAX(r) movies and the new Astronaut Hall of Fame. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is open from 9 a.m. to approximately dusk every day except December 25. For more information, call (321) 449-4444 or visit www.KennedySpaceCenter.com.





It's group vs. group in 2003 WarFit Challenge

By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 2003 WarFit Challenge will take place Oct. 27-30.

The four-day event pits teams from the 45th Mission Support, Medical, Operations and Maintenance Groups along with Air Force Technical Applications Center, the 920th Rescue Wing, Navy, Coast Guard, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute and Army Readiness against each other in a number of different sporting events.

"This event replaces the Squadron Challenge the Fitness Center used to hold," said Luis Saez, the 45th Services Squadron's Fitness Center director. "We stopped holding the event two years ago due to a

large number of deployments. We are trying to revitalize the program because of the addition of the WarFit concept here at Patrick and the Cape," said Mr. Saez.

"All participants should expect four days of fitness-oriented events that will test their physical fitness level, and promote teamwork and improve personal wellness," said Ralph Robinson, 45th Intramural Sports director.

Teams will compete in a variety of events including a team triathlon, basketball, golf, swimming, volleyball, bowling, canoe racing, fitness relays, softball, running and tug-of-war.

Standings will be based on a points system, with first place earning five points, second earning three points, third place earns two points and fourth earns one point.

"We're hoping to get as many participants as possible," said Naomi Parish, Fitness Center assistant director. "Not only will it determine who has the fittest group on base, but also demonstrate the high fitness level of our military personnel."

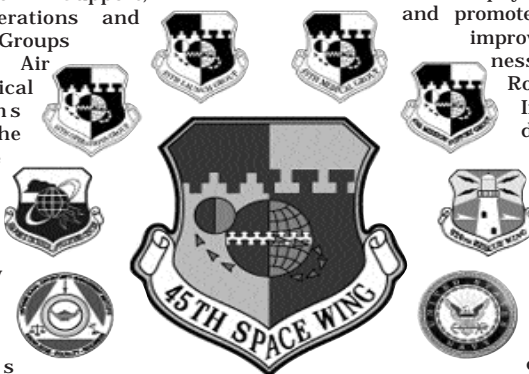
Events like this help build teamwork and esprit de corps."

Competitors will be required to pay to participate in the golf and bowling events.

The golf fee will be \$10 per person or \$30 per team. Bowling will be \$5.25 per person.

"People should get with the event points of contact or their individual squadron representative in order to be placed on a team," said Mr. Robinson. "All groups need to build the strongest team possible to be assured the highest number of points per event."

At the conclusion of the challenge there will be a picnic and commanders trophy presentation in Chevron Park. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place. Plaques will be awarded to outstanding male and female competitors.



**WarFit Challenge
2003**

Patrick AFB, FL

Events Schedule

Oct. 27

Team triathlon 11:30 a.m.
Basketball 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Golf tournament 3-6 p.m.

Oct. 28

Swim relays 11:30 a.m.
Volleyball 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bowling 6-9 p.m.

Oct. 29

Canoe race 11 a.m.
Fitness relays 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Softball 6-9 p.m.

Oct. 30

5-K run 6:30 a.m.
Tug-o-war 11 a.m.
Picnic/trophy presentation noon

Sports Briefs

Participate in the early bird run

To re-introduce the Air Force standard annual Fitness Testing procedures, Gen. John P. Jumper has declared Oct. 15 at 6 a.m. to be the date and time for Air Force members to come together and participate in the run and commit themselves to be combat ready.

All active-duty members are highly encouraged to attend at either Patrick AFB or Cape Canaveral AFS Fitness Centers.

The Child Development Center will be supporting the run by opening at 5:30 a.m. Contact them no later than a week in advance to make a reservation. For more information, call the CDC at 494-7028.

Sign up for cape running clinic

The Health and Wellness Center and Physical Therapy Clinic offers a running clinic class at the Cape Oct. 29 from 9-11 a.m. in Bldg. 1704, room 1525. This class provides education on starting a running program, proper shoe selection, injury prevention and preparing for the 1.5 mile Air Force fitness run. Call the HAWC at 494-2660 to register.

Take game to next level

Members of Patrick AFB are looking to establish a men and women's varsity volleyball team for the wing. The team plans to practice on Sundays from 1-3 p.m. This Sunday will be the first wing practice to

see what kind of participation and skill level the team has. For more information, contact Cheryl Morgan at 494-6947

Make the call

Those interested in officiating Patrick AFB youth/intramural sports should attend the Bluezebra Officials Association's first general membership meeting Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Youth Center gymnasium. New and experienced officials and scorekeepers must be 16 years or older. For more details, contact Michael Green at 537-5808 or Sam Hall at 536-0097.

Put up some weight

Patrick AFB will hold its Annual Bench Press Competition Nov. 1 at 10 a.m. Weigh-in at 9:30 a.m. in the Patrick AFB basketball gym. T-shirts will be given to all participants and trophies to Overall Best male and female lifter. This event is open to all 45th SW personnel. For more information or to sign up, call the Fitness Center at 494-4947.

Another season of softball

The Patrick varsity softball team will be holding try-outs for the upcoming season. Try-outs will be held Nov. 3-14 at the South Housing softball complex, Field 1 at 5:30 p.m. All players interested need to e-mail Tech. Sgt. John Howorth or Staff Sgt. Scott Harris. For more information contact the Patrick Fitness Center at 494-4947.



Are you ready for some football?

Marquis Alderman, 45th Medical Group, warms up his arm prior to a flag football practice at the sports complex in South Housing Sept. 30. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery)

Teens gather to read

The library kicks off its "Teen Read Week" Oct. 18 at 10:30 a.m. with its first Read-a-Thon for children ages 13 -17. The library staff reviews the program outline, and the reading timer starts at 11 a.m. Participants are challenged to read from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The library provides lunch, and all participants who "go the distance" are rewarded with certificates and prizes.

Participants are invited to read from the library collection or bring books from home. Call the library at 494-6881 during regular business hours to register or for more information about this event.

Parents night out

Children in grades kindergarten through sixth are invited to the Youth Center Oct. 10, 6-11 p.m. for a night of games, crafts and a host of activities.

Parents are encouraged to use this evening as their personal time to go out.

There are 24 slots available on a first-come, first-served basis for children of active-duty, retired military, DoD or NAF employees and DoD contractors. Cost is \$10 per child. Register on the first day of each month.

Parents must register for the slot and make payment at the youth center business office by 5:30 p.m. Wednesday prior to the night of the event to hold their

reservation. Call the Youth Center at 494-4747 for information.

Basketball registrations begins

Registration for youth winter basketball is Oct. 1 through 24 at the Youth Center, Mondays through Fridays from 1:30-6 p.m. Family members ages 6 - 15 of active-duty, retired military, DoD personnel, NAF employees and DoD contractors are eligible to participate. Youth must be between ages 6 and 16 between now and April 1 to be eligible.

The cost is \$40 (members) or \$50 (non-members). In accordance with Air Force Youth Programs AFI 34-249, youths participating in any youth sports program are required to have a sports physical to be kept on file for one year. Player assessments and team formations are Oct. 27 through 31. Practice begins Nov. 3 and the season starts Dec. 1. For additional information, call 494-3770.

Youths need coaches

Adult volunteers are needed to coach cheerleading. For more information or to volunteer to coach, call Lynne Phillips at 494-4748.

Those interested in coaching youth basketball should stop by the Patrick Youth Center in South Housing, Bldg. 3656 or call Randy Detwiler at 494-3770.



Eating Healthy

Ms. Hazel Corbin, School Age Child Care Counselor, gives healthy snacks to Tenesha and Keisha Terrel during a healthy snack taste testing. (Photo by Mary Bell)



A better future

KIRKUK, Iraq - Iraqi students wait impatiently at the gates for the opening of their new school. Army and Air Force troops volunteered to renovate two local schools near Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Charlein She)

Riverside Dining Facility Menu

Saturday Brunch - Cajun meat loaf, *crispy baked chicken, rib eye steak

Saturday Supper - *Fish amandine, pork chops with mushroom gravy, stir-fry chicken with broccoli

Sunday Brunch - Chicken Parmesan, sauerbraten, tuna and noodles

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 - Chalupa, burritos, Mexican chicken breast, chicken enchiladas

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

Friday Lunch - Beef and corn pie, pea and pepper rice, *seafood Newburg, veal paprika steak

Friday Dinner 10 - Yankee pot roast, *simmered corn beef, pineapple chicken

Menus are subject to change. For more information, call dial-a-menu at 494-2845.

*healthy choice



At the movies

Friday *Freddy vs. Jason* Freddy Krueger is in hell and while there he resurrects Jason. Jason is the perfect means for Freddy to once again instill fear on Elm Street, creating a window of opportunity for him to emerge. Recognizing how easily manipulated Jason is, Freddy tricks Jason into journeying to Springwood to start a new reign of terror. Stars Robert Englund, Ken Kirzinger. (R for pervasive strong violence/gore, gruesome images, sexuality, drug use and language)

Saturday *S.W.A.T.* After weeks of rigorous physical training, the new team is quickly thrown into action when a notorious drug lord offers a \$100 million reward to anyone who can free him from police custody. While accompanying the drug lord out of Los Angeles into the hands of the Feds, the S.W.A.T. team is pursued by a ruthless and well-armed band of reward seekers. Stars Samuel L. Jackson, L.L. Cool. (PG-13 for violence, language and sexual references)

Sunday *Open Range* This film follows the day-to-day encounters of four cattle herders who roam the countryside without owning a particular piece of land. Living in the final years of the Wild West, they eventually team up to rid a burgeoning remote town, Harmonville, from the machinations of a ruthlessly evil rancher, Baxter forms a sort of "outlaw state" where he makes the laws and rules, and enforces them using scare tactics and brute force. Stars Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. (R for violence)

Thursday *S.W.A.T.* See Thursday's synopsis.

Movie times are 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tickets for adults are \$2.50, children 11 and younger pay \$1.50.



Slow down, use caution

Drivers entering and leaving Patrick Air Force Base need to slow down after passing the base's Main Gate. Workers in the area are currently constructing the parking lot for the Pass and Identification building and will eventually relocate the Main Gate to provide better force protection needs. While the gate remains open throughout construction, drivers should use the South Gate whenever possible. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

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 sergeants.

If you can't get your problem resolved through the agencies, contact the Action Line: e-mail, Commander'sline@patrick.af.mil or click global at Commander's 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."

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



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494-6334
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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: 8:45 a.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel and 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Seaside Chapel.
Sunday School: 10 a.m. at the Education Center for pre-K - 6th grade, grades 7-12 Youth Ministry at 6 p.m. at South Patrick Chapel.

Protestant

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Seaside Chapel.
9:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Seaside Chapel
10 a.m. Grades K-12 at South Patrick Chapel. Van transportation provided for base children.
11 a.m. Contemporary Service in the South Patrick Chapel
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Fellowship dinner in the South Patrick Chapel.



Events

Friday, 6-10 p.m., Titus Nights Street Party in downtown Titusville. Shops are open, bands are playing, entertainment, street vendors. For more information call 267-3036.

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., 40th Anniversary of Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge at the Refuge Visitor Center, Route 402 (road to Playalinda Beach). Birds of prey, songbirds, mist netting, bird banding, manatees, birding & wildlife tours, music, children's activities and refreshments for purchase. All activities are free unless specified. Call 861-0668.

Oct. 18-19, Melbourne Fall Art & Craft Festival in downtown historic Melbourne. More than 130 artists' booths, kids' corner with art projects, activities and food and refreshments for purchase. Event is free. Call 724-1741.

Oct. 18-19, Fall Craft Fair in historic down-

town Cocoa Village. More than 300 craft vendors, children's activities and food court. Free. Call 631-9075.

Oct. 25-26, Pumpkins In The Park at Riverfront Park in Cocoa Village. Family event, multicultural entertainment, arts and crafts, international food and amusement rides. Event is free. Call 453-5719.

Nov. 6-16, Space Coast State Fair at the Cocoa Expo Sports Center. Eleven-day fair with exhibits, crafts, rides, shows and concerts. Call 639-1204 for information.

Nov. 18, 7 p.m., "Decorating Your Holiday Table" at the Mims/Scottsmoor Library in Titusville. A class on decorating your table for holiday entertaining. Class is free. Call 264-5080.

Nov. 22-23, Artworks of Eau Gallie Fine Arts Festival at Highland Ave. in the Olde Eau Gallie Riverfront Business District. Sidewalk art show featuring 90 artists demonstrating their skills, student high school and community college art show, porcelain show, live entertainment and food court. Event is free.

Nov. 29-30, Space Coast Art Festival in downtown Cocoa Beach. More than 250 juried artists, live entertainment, covered food court,

Student Art Show, Young-At-Art (hands on art activities), police and fire department demonstrations, Brevard Zoo exhibit. Event is free. Call 784-3322.

Festivals

Saturday, Oktoberfest & Street Party in historic downtown Cocoa Village. One-day festival with traditional German food, imported beer, contemporary bands and entertainment. Free to the public. Call 633-4028.

Saturday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. 17 Annual "Smilin' Jack" Fly-in at Arthur Dunn Park on Williams Ave. in Titusville. Featured will be aircraft of all types including experimental, homebuilts, ultralights, classics and antiques. There will also be antique and street rod car displays. Breakfast and lunch will be available. Admission and parking are free.

Sunday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 27 Annual Polish American Festival at Lake Park in Titusville. Event features entertainment, music, food and drinks. Tickets are \$7 per person. Children under 10 are free. Tickets are required to purchase food and drinks. Call 264-9877/453-0235/383-1852 for tickets.

Oct. 16-19, Space Coast Oktoberfest at Wickham Park Pavilion in Melbourne. Authentic German food, imported German beers, German music, dancing, local party bands and carnival with over 25 rides. Free to the public. Call 633-4028.

