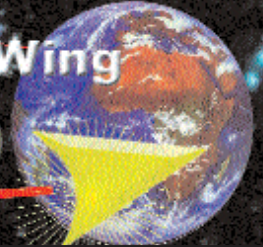


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## Like moving mountains

A Titan IVB rocket rolls out from the Solid Motor Assembly and Readiness Facility to Space Launch Complex 40 in preparation for the February 2004 launch of a Defense Support Program satellite. See related story on Page 10. (Photo by Master Sgt. Lou Moyer)

## 45th SW, NASA event features safety, health

By Ida Barry  
 45TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Space Wing and NASA are coming together again for another joint venture. This one isn't space-bound, although many are billing it as an "out of this world" event.

The Spaceport Super Safety Health Day is Wednesday and recognizes safety accomplishments in the past year, and promotes safety and health among NASA, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station employees and mission partners.

The event starts at 8 a.m. at NASA's Training Auditorium with opening remarks by Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, and Mr. James Kennedy, Kennedy Space Center director.

"It's an opportunity to promote jointly with NASA's spaceport-wide view on safety," said Tech. Sgt. Todd Williams, 45th SW Ground Safety inspector. "Because of the potential consequences from unsafe acts, anything we can do to promote safety in the workplace helps productivity and makes for a healthier and more productive workforce."

Afternoon activities feature safety and health vendor exhibits from 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Vendors will display information at the Vehicle Assembly Building area, the KSC Industrial Area's north parking lot and at Hangar T on Cape Canaveral AFS.

"The display setups will focus on safety and health-related information," said Tech. Sgt. Williams. "There will be plenty of pamphlets and videos for everyone."

The keynote speaker is retired Navy Capt. Charles Plumb, a former fighter pilot with 74 successful combat missions over North Vietnam and more than 100 carrier landings. On his 75th mission, just five days before the end of his tour, he was shot down over Hanoi and captured. He spent the next six years as a prisoner of war.

The day's events will be televised throughout the day on SharkVision and NASA Select for those unable to attend the ceremonies.

START ... Get it!



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich  
45TH SW COMMANDER

Wow! Even without a launch on the docket this week, we've still been busy - operationally and otherwise. As you know, launches are made up of a lot of incremental milestones and so our mission partners and launch squadrons work through the week - and sometimes weekends - to meet those milestones. The most visual of those efforts was Monday by the 3rd Space Launch Squadron and Lockheed Martin, when we rolled out the Titan IV B. It was an incredible site and a little nostalgic too, since this was the second to the last Titan to be launched from the Cape and the last of three in the Air Force inventory.

The 1st Space Launch Squadron and Boeing have been moving forward on this month's Delta II launch after playing a little catch up last weekend to overcome some earlier weather delays. Now all things are looking good for our GPS II 10R launch at the end of the month. We'll put yet another navigation and timing satellite into orbit, once again making the latest technology available to the warfighter.

This week the Range completed the maintenance demonstration of our next Range Standardization and Automation Deliverable and started our end-to-end testing. This is all part of the modernization effort to bring the ER into the digital age and transmitting data from our instrumentation sites to the Cape.

And speaking of bettering ourselves, we had the pleasure this week of a presentation by Dr. John Kline who spoke to civilian and military supervisors on Wednesday.

Dr. Kline's seminar on "Giving Recognition to Others" was motivating. With the crunch of day-to-day activities, it isn't often that we get scheduled time to sit down and focus our elements of leadership. I hope you enjoyed the session as much as I did.

I like that Dr. Kline challenged some of the more traditional views about what recognition is - and isn't. He helped us remember that recognition starts - and is most effective - within the unit. There are many ways we can recognize the outstanding work our people are doing throughout the year.

Supervisors shouldn't rely solely on the for-

mal recognition channels but instead look at ways of giving recognition that are timely and tailored to the unit.

One of the things Dr. Kline talked about was how delegation is a form of recognition. It sounds kind of odd that giving someone more work would be a reward, but he explained how delegation recognizes people's abilities because it is a show of trust. Trust people. That sounds familiar. Trusting someone with a project is empowering them to achieve results for the organization. Giving them the reins affirms you know they can do it.

"Recognizing Achievement" is a major component of START, we need to make sure we are doing it right. To that end, supervisors need to hold on to the exercise results where Dr. Kline helped you analyze your leadership style. Whether you are a task-oriented or people-oriented, or a combination of the two - recognition-giving fits in. Knowing more about yourself will help you apply those recognition tools more effectively, which is what it is all about. Get it? I hope so. We'll be looking for more opportunities to reinforce the leadership traits and values that will help us grow as an organization.

Let me wrap up by reminding you of some important things that are coming up. We have our monthly commanders' calls next week. Civilian Call at Patrick is 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Base Theater. The Cape Civilian Call is Thursday at 11 a.m. in Hangar F. Officers' Call and Enlisted Call are Friday, 3:30 p.m., at the respective Clubs.

Another thing to look for next week is the Chief of Staff of the Air Force WarFit run on Wednesday. Gen. John Jumper called for an Air Force-wide run to re-introduce the new Air Force Fitness Test. All active duty members and civilians are highly encouraged to attend the 6 a.m. run either at Patrick AFB or Cape Canaveral AFS Fitness Centers.

While I know running sounds unpleasant to many of you, it is the new foundation for the fit test. Instead of expending all that energy worrying or complaining, just beat feet and get out and join us on the 15th. The run is a good way to get a baseline for where you are physically before the new standards take effect in January. Trust me, January will be here before you know it. Be ready.

Also on Wednesday is the Spaceport Super Safety Health Day at KSC. There are a lot of



Kathryn Thompson and 45th Space Wing Command Chief Master Anthony Manson hold a bowl brimming with names while Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th SW commander, draws Staff Sgt. Renee Parry's name Oct. 3 at the Housing Office. The AFTAC member won a \$3,500 Circuit City gift certificate. Housing residents who signed their lease paperwork early were eligible for the drawing. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

activities going on to promote these important topics. Read all about it on Page 1 and, if you can't attend, tune in your television to see some of the events. They'll be broadcasting the day's activities on NASA television and key events on SharkVision. There are going to be lots of safety awards given out to recognize the great work - and track record - of what we do here.

Let's not forget about the ongoing Combined Federal Campaign. We're off to a good start with \$10,000 voucher pledges, but with just a five-week campaign we need to ascend rapidly. It is remarkable how quickly the money adds up so please just remember that no contribution is too small - in the aggregate, it really does make a difference not just in our numbers, but in the lives of others. If you want to contribute but don't feel you have the means to make a financial contribution, I encourage you to participate in one of the CFC fund-raisers. On Oct. 17 and 18 the Commissary is opening up bagger positions to our volunteers, with the proceeds going to the CFC. Sign up for a two-hour shift. For that Friday and Saturday, tips our volunteers receive will go to the CFC. It is a great alternative way to participate.

We have a three-day weekend ahead of us ... well deserved break from the recent rapid pace. But let's be careful out there and come back safe. God Bless!



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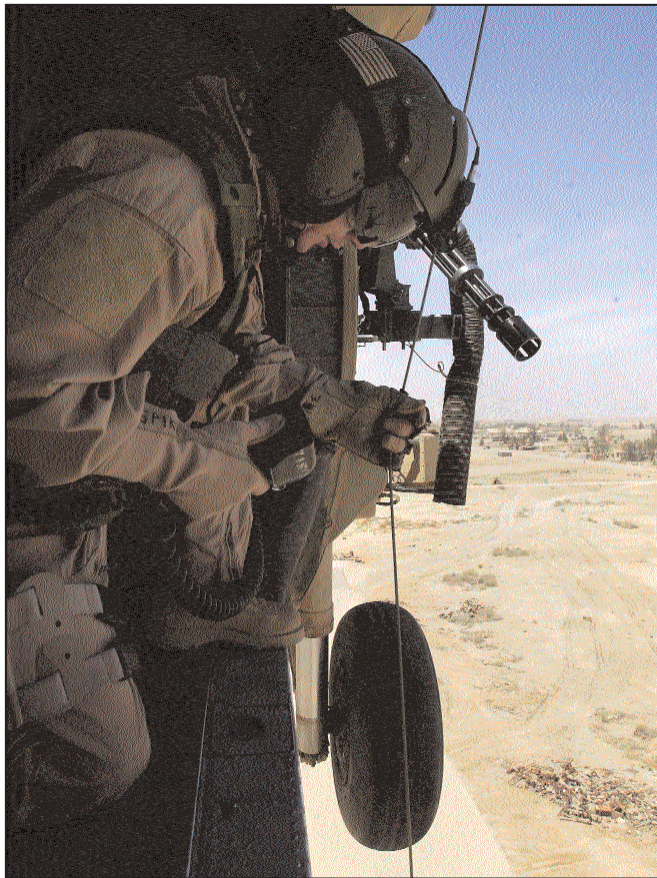
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A HH-60G helicopter engineer from the 301st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, deployed from Patrick Air Force Base, lowers a hoist to a pararescueman outside Tallil Air Base, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Shane Cuomo)

# Rescue mission moves to AFSOC

## 920th RQW among units transferred to command

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. – A ceremony held at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., Oct. 1, marked the official transfer of Air Force combat search and rescue to Air Force Special Operations Command.

The transfer is a result of an Air Force chief of staff direction to align the CSAR mission and assets under one command — Air Force Special Operations. AFSOC now controls continental U.S.-based rescue units in the active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. The result is a transfer of 7,000 people and more than 100 fixed-and-rotor wing aircraft from Air Combat Command to AFSOC.

“CSAR as a professional community, and special operations as a professional community, have joined on the battlefield to produce combat power and combat professionalism for our combatant commanders,”

said Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, AFSOC commander.

Along with the transfer of units at Moody, active-duty rescue units at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; and Nellis AFB, Nev., moved to AFSOC. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley AFB, Va., also transferred to AFSOC.

Air Force Reserve Command's rescue units at Patrick AFB, Fla.; Portland International Airport, Ore.; and Davis-Monthan, as well as Air National Guard rescue units at Gabreski Field, N.Y.; and Moffett Field, Calif., are included in the transfer.

“The introduction of CSAR to AFSOC will mean little change to the organizations or individuals of these units,” Lt. Gen. Hester said. “This realignment will be transparent, outside of the patch change on uniforms. There will be no change on how forces are presented to combatant commanders.”

The command's CSAR units provide worldwide peacetime and combat search and rescue operations supporting humanitarian and U.S. national security interests. CSAR units are responsible for inland search and rescue in the 48 contiguous states. (Air Force Print News)



## Commander Q&A :

**Q: What's the mission of the IG team?**

A: We enhance the wing's operational capability through comprehensive and fair investigations and evaluations. The IG team administers the Air Force personal complaints and fraud, waste and abuse detection and prevention programs, as well as conduct wing-wide exercises and manage the wing self-inspection program.

**Q: How can the IG office work for other Patrick/Cape units or wing commander?**

A: Members of the IG team serve as the "eyes and ears" of the wing commander. We analyze complaint data and brief wing leadership on systemic problems and trends; we test and evaluate the wing's capability to respond to real-world contingencies; we assess mission performance, organizational effectiveness and we act as a clearinghouse for Congressional Inquiries.

**Lt. Col. Frank Miles,**  
45th SW Inspector General

**Q: What's the most important thing you look for as an IG?**

A: To be viewed by complainants and commanders alike as an "honest-broker." Through objective fact-finding and fair and timely investigations and evaluations that we hope we can create an atmosphere that encourages people to come forward and present their concerns without reprisal.

**Q: How does the IG office contribute to the space launch mission?**

A: The IG Team is the lead agency for preparing the wing for the Air Force Space Command Operational Readiness and Compliance Inspections. We're geared toward helping commanders detect, prevent and correct systemic problems, mismanagement or perceived injustices that adversely impact their mission and degrade space launch operations.

## Rachel Carr remembered

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

Ms. Rachel Carr, a 45th Civil Engineer Squadron resource flight budget analyst, passed away Oct. 2 after suffering from a heart condition.

She is survived by her 5-year-old daughter, Jordan Bryant; mother; father and four sisters.

"Rachel was very thorough, accurate and a real team player," said Ms. Jeanne Demuth, 45th CES

Ms. Rachel Carr resource flight chief. "She started out in the stay-in-school program and was awarded a career position. She worked in the resources flight for over three years. Rachel was a loyal, dependable and technically proficient employee and she will be greatly missed by all her coworkers."

A memorial fund has been set up to help Ms. Carr's daughter throughout this period. If interested in donating to the fund, contact Tammie Lloyd at 494-9284 or Judy Kimmel at 494-7129.



## 45th MDG reorganizes patient assignments

By 1st Lt. Jeffery Chaperon  
45TH MEDICAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON

Nearly 2,000 45th Medical Group patients will soon be notified that their Primary Care Manager has changed. The changes were necessary to accommodate outgoing and incoming providers during the summer permanent change of station season.

Over the past six months, the clinic lost five providers and only recently gained replacements.

Because the clinic now has a better mixture of doctors, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, the 45th MDG can reassign patients to the most appropriate providers.

The clinic is still awaiting replacements within the Internal Medicine and Pediatric Clinics.

Lt. Col. Marlene Abbott, 45th Medical Operations Squadron commander, said she is confident these new changes are a shift in the right direction.

"It's always a challenge to accommo-

date the summertime PCS season," said Lt. Col. Abbott. "It has taken my staff a lot of in-depth work to make the right decision for everyone involved. The end result will be improved access to care."

Over 500 beneficiaries from the Pediatric Clinic are directly impacted. As a result, the clinic is basically limiting enrollment to children 10 years and younger.

Children older than 10 years will be reassigned to the Family Practice Clinic.

"Our Family Practice providers are eager to have the pediatric patients as a part of their empanelment," says Lt. Col. Steve Niles, a Family Practice physician, chief of the medical staff and 45th MDG vice commander. "Family practitioners are extremely qualified to meet patient care needs from infants to the elderly. It puts the 'family' in Family Practice."

The clinic will continue to provide the best care and constantly look into beneficiaries' needs. For more information, contact the Tricare flight commander at 494-8453.

# Tricare contracts awarded

Recently, Tricare awarded new contracts to Health Net Federal Services, Rancho Cordova, Calif.; Humana Military Healthcare Services, Louisville, Ky.; and TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp., Phoenix, Ariz.

The three contracts are valued at an estimated \$6.4 billion, which does not include the target health care costs for option periods two through five that will be negotiated prior to exercising each option. Health care costs for these three contracts, for option periods two through five, are estimated to range between \$19.5 billion to \$20.5 billion. The new contracts will replace the current seven contracts over the next 14 months and will be simpler for the government to administer.

These contractors will provide health care services to our 8.7 million uniformed services beneficiaries and support to military hospitals and clinics in the United States. They put customer satisfaction first by providing meaningful incen-

tives for top performance in telephone access, claims payment and quality medical outcomes.

"The new contracts are part of the secretary's transformation efforts and will make a strong program better," said Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "Our new contractors will be strategic partners in support of medical readiness and their added value includes optimizing care in our military medical facilities, ensuring access to the highest quality civilian providers and offering preventive and outreach strategies for our beneficiaries."

Each contract includes at least a nine-month transition, plus five one-year option periods for health care delivery and support. The transition began Sept. 1. The turnover of responsibility for services in the newly aligned Tricare North, South and West regions will be phased in, starting with areas in the West region on June 1, 2004, and will be completed by November 2004.

"The award of these contracts concludes an intense process of dedication and inter-service cooperation. It also marks the beginning of new partnerships specifically designed to focus on our beneficiaries, to reward quality, and help us strengthen our expeditionary Air Force," said Lt. Gen. George Peach Taylor, surgeon general of the Air Force.

During the transition period, beneficiaries will continue to file claims with their current Tricare contractor. Eligible Tricare beneficiaries are encouraged to contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office to ensure enrollment information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System is current. DEERS enrollment may be verified by contacting the DSO at (800) 538-9552, or by visiting the nearest uniformed services personnel office. A list of personnel offices is available at <http://www.dm-dc.osd.mil/rsi>. (*DefenseLink release*)

# 45th SW, FSC team up for motorcycle safety class

By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Space Wing signed a five-year agreement with the Florida Safety Council, Oct. 3, to provide a motorcycle safety course at Patrick Air Force Base.

According to Thomas Guilmet, FSC executive director, the three-day course includes instruction on the motorcycle, riding equipment, the rules of the road and basic common sense and defensive driving.

"The FSC is a non-profit organization that works for the prevention of accidents, injury and death in the workplace, at home and on the road," said Mr. Guilmet.

The FSC will provide certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructors.

"Patrick was already sending troops for training," said Mr. Guilmet. "While we already provided them a military discount, we wanted to do more."

"The class is equivalent to six months riding experience," said Mr. Bill James, 45th SW Ground Safety occupational safety supervisor.

The Commissary agreed to donate its facilities to the program for one year. New store director, Mr. Ron Rogers, was very happy to get involved with this program.

"This was my first opportunity to really work together with the base," said Mr. Ron Rogers, store director. "It's provide cost savings and is convenient for those taking the course. If we were going to step up and do something for the folks here, I thought this was a great place to start."

"Without the help of the Commissary this program wouldn't have gotten off the ground," said Mr. James.

"In turn for providing a location for the class, the FSC has allocated eight slots a month, equaling 96 availabilities a year for free to the wing," said Mr. James. "The typical cost for a class like this is around \$230. The

agreement saves the wing more than \$22,000."

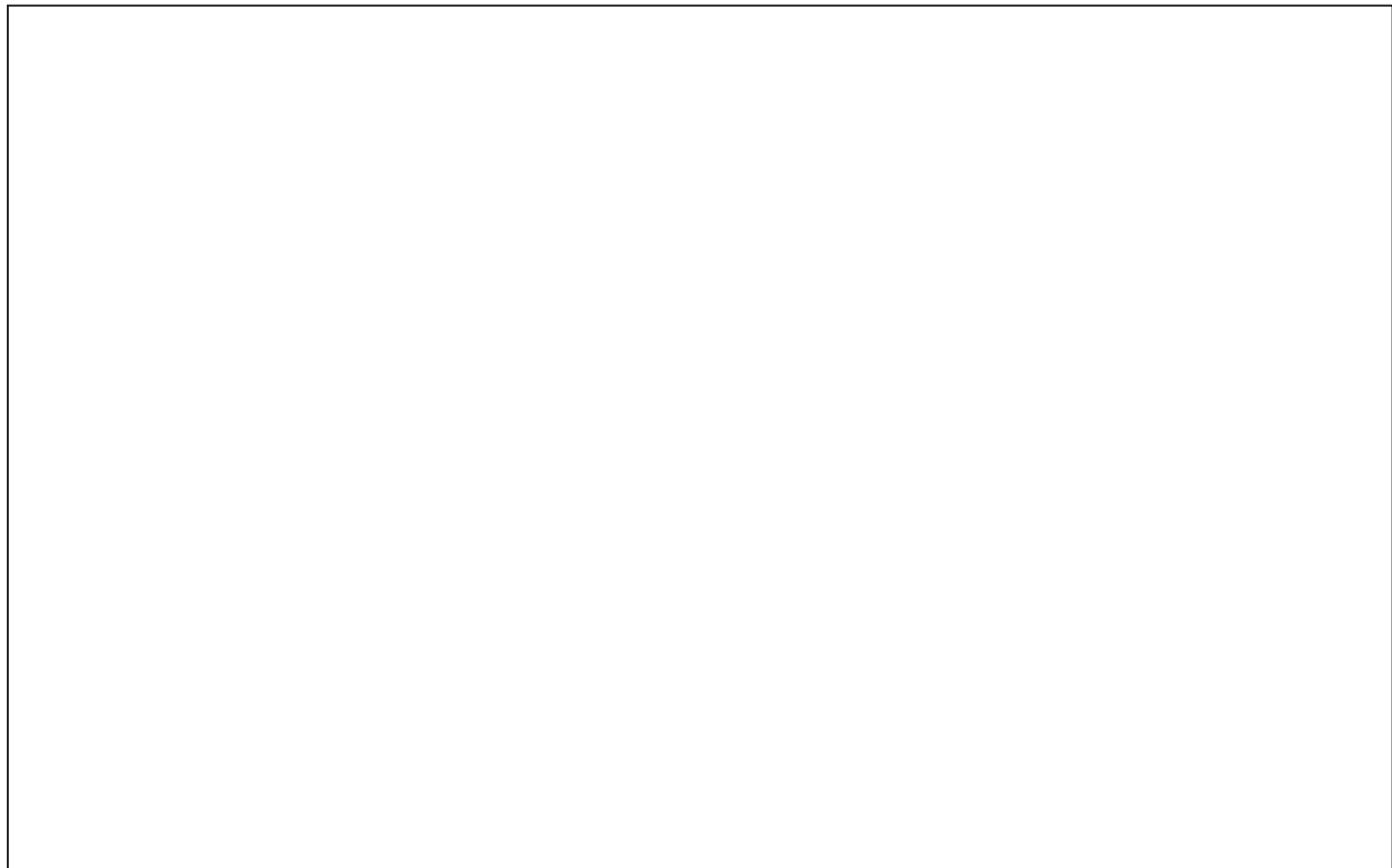
While the program saves the 45th SW money, the number one reason for programs like this is to protect wing personnel, according to Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th SW commander.

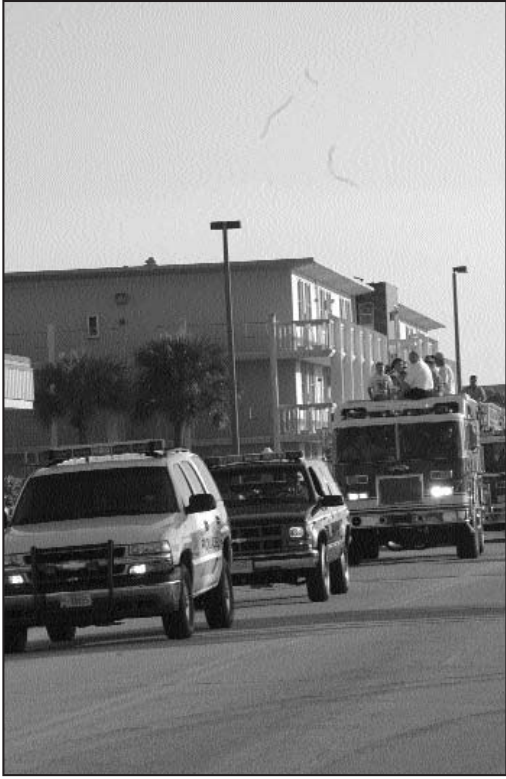
"Our personnel are the most vital resource we have and the loss of just one person can have a monumental effect on many lives," he said. "We lose people needlessly every day in the military because of poor decision-making that may be the

result of a lack of training. Continuous safety education and training are the key links in mishap prevention and strong mentorship from supervisors provides the connectivity for long-term and positive results."



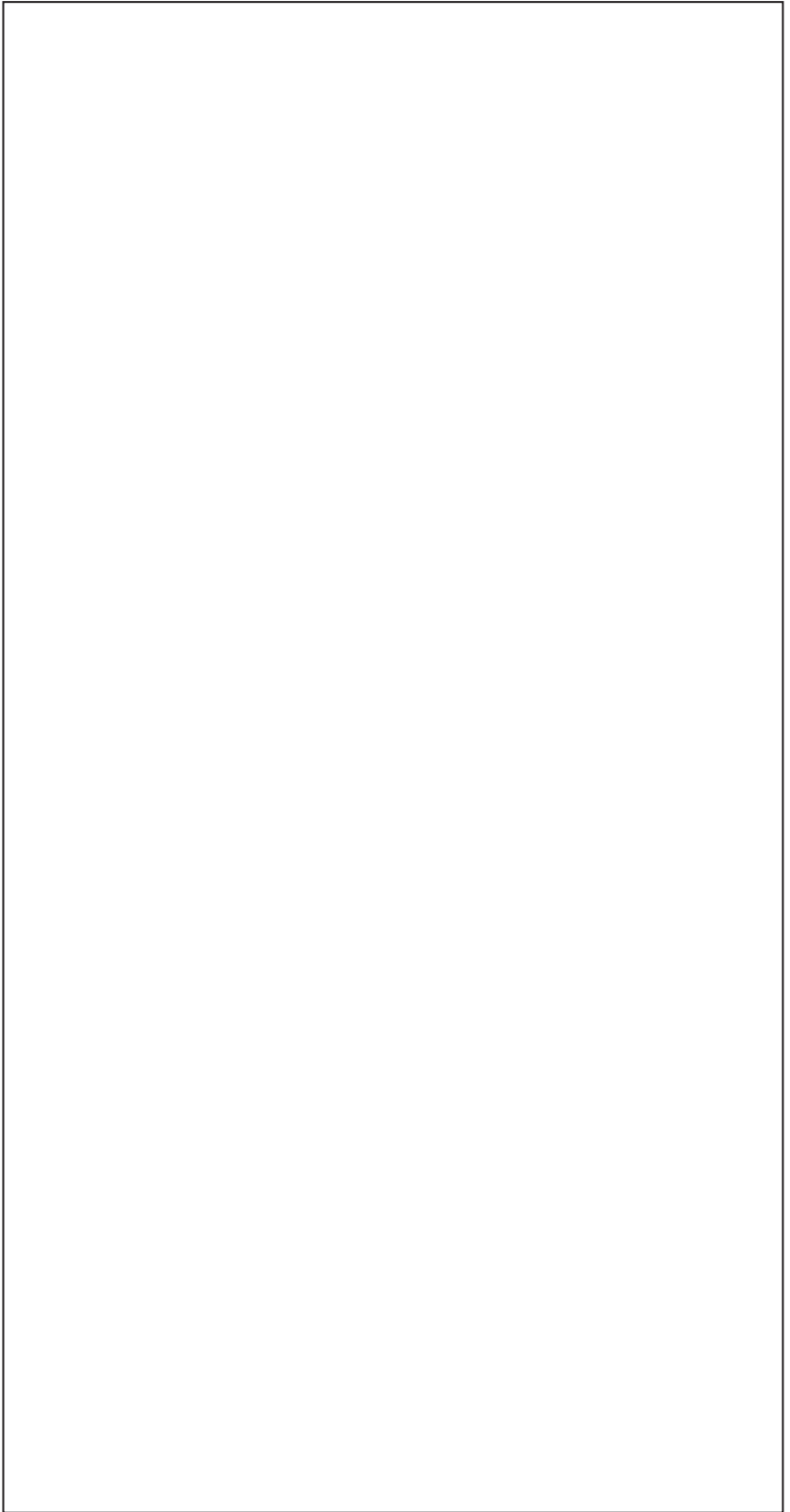
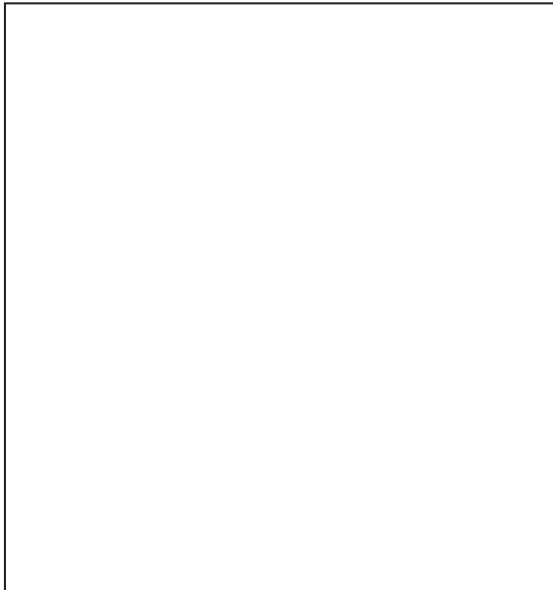
**Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, signs a five-year agreement with the Florida Safety Council to provide a motorcycle safety course at Patrick AFB. (Photo by Jim Laviska)**





### One hot parade

In commemoration of Fire Prevention Week, the Patrick Fire Department parades through the base Wednesday evening to remind everyone of this year's theme, "Get out! Stay out!" *(Photo by Ida Barry)*



## Program sends holiday greeting

SAN ANTONIO — The Army and Air Force Hometown News Service is offering its free print holiday greeting program to servicemembers worldwide. The program, now in its fourth year, is open for submissions now through Nov. 25.

An important change for this year's program is open access to the program by individual servicemembers.

The print greeting program is a fully-electronic Internet program that allows any servicemember to send a formatted holiday greeting to relatives through the Hometown News Service. After processing, the HNS staff e-mails the greetings to newspapers serving the relatives' community. The program is free to both the servicemember and their community newspaper.

"We have more than 1,000 hometown newspapers signed up for newspaper holiday greetings, and they each cover several ZIP code areas," said Gerry Proctor, HNS chief of marketing. "Each form can generate several releases. The greetings are distributed according to ZIP codes and state. When the servicemember puts in their ZIP code ... the computer ... distributes a release for every subscribing newspaper covering that area."

"Complete and correct information is vital," Mr. Proctor said. "Submissions without a ZIP code or with an incorrect ZIP code go nowhere."

Besides having several releases generated from each form, the servicemember can input multiple forms as well.

"Each person can submit as many greetings as (he or she wants)," Mr. Proctor said. "You can send holiday greetings to your parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and anyone who is a relative as long as you have their city, state and ZIP code."

Program information and forms are accessible on HometownLink at <http://hn.afnews.af.mil> from any government computer system. (Air Force Press News)



### Raptor on the prowl

The first operational F/A-22 Raptor flies over Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., on its delivery flight Sept. 26. Tyndall is home to the world's first F/A-22 squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike Ammons)

## Airmen can now review records online

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER — The Air Force has implemented a new program enabling airmen to complete record reviews online through virtual Military Personnel Flight.

Airmen will soon begin receiving e-mail notifications around their birthday each year advising them to review their electronic personnel records maintained in the military personnel data system.

"After the customer logs in to vMPF and accomplishes his or her record review, a hard copy should be printed for the member's personal records," said Master Sgt. Don Taylor, superintendent of customer

support operations here. "If all of the information is correct, no further action is required until the next annual review."

In some areas where errors may be found, the member can make the needed changes through the links provided. The member should make the corrections as soon as he or she discovers it, said Master Sgt. Taylor.

Other errors not yet updateable through the virtual Record Review can be corrected by the individual's MPF or commander's support staff.

For more information, contact the MPF.



**Mandatory calls scheduled**

There is a mandatory Officers' Call at the Officers' Club Oct. 17 at 3:30 p.m. GS-14s and 15s are encouraged to attend.

Patrick Civilian Call is Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the base theater. This is a one-time change due to the Safety and Health activities. Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Civilian Call is Thursday, 11 a.m. in Hangar F.

**Thrift Shop closes permanently**

The Patrick AFB Thrift Shop permanently closes on Dec. 18. It continues normal operating hours until closing: Wednesday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, call Lisa Trismen at 494-2457.

**Inbound traffic only**

The Main Gate at Patrick Air Force Base will be in-bound traffic only from 6-8:30 a.m. starting Tuesday. All personnel leaving Patrick

should use the South Gate. Construction will last approximately four weeks.

During the remainder of the day the Main Gate will have one in-bound and one out-bound lane. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Vivian Ryan.

**Water and air conditioning outage**

The water and air conditioning units for Bldgs. 401, 402, 408, 423, 425, 431, 432, 439 and 440 will be turned off Oct 18-19 as contractors replace water valves that control the loop to these facilities.

All water in these facilities will be non-potable from Oct. 18 until further notice. For more information, call Staff. Sgt. Aarron Lacey at 494-9226.

**FSC offers courses, orientation**

On Tuesday, the Family Support Center offers a Financial Management Program from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday a Tap Workshop is 8 a.m. -- 4 p.m.

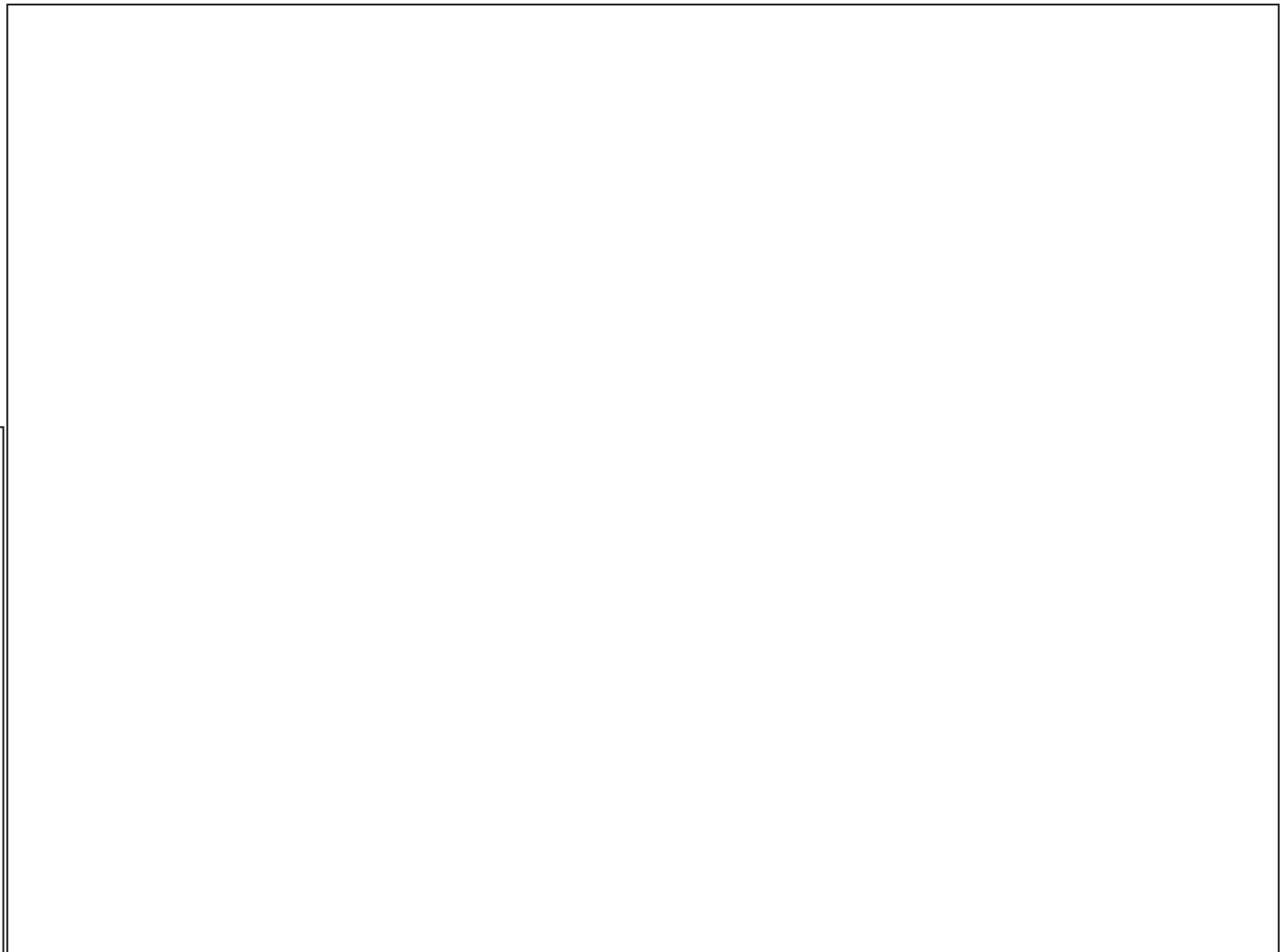
On Wednesday, an Employment Orientation is 9:30 a.m. - noon and an Information Fair at the Base Exchange is from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. A Deployed Spouses Meeting is Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. All courses take place at the FSC, Bldg. 722, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call Joel La Fuente at 494-5675.

**Leadership Bible study offered**

A Leadership Brown Bag Bible Study class is offered Wednesday, noon - 1 p.m. in Bldg. 423 at the 45th SW commander's conference room. The study will cover the book by Rick Warren called, "The Purpose Driven Life."

**Fill grocery bags for CFC**

A Combined Federal Campaign fund-raiser will be Oct. 17-18. Volunteers may help bag and load groceries at the Commissary from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



# Preparing for Titan IV's final flights



Lockheed Martin, the 3rd Space Launch Squadron and Det. 8 Space and Missile Systems Center teamed together to offload a Titan IVB rocket from a C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft Saturday. The Titan IVB, designated B-30, will be the last to

launch from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in late 2004. The Titan IV B can launch space shuttle-class payloads into orbit. The final Titan IVB will launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. (Photos by 1st Lt. Warren Comer)

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

The final Titan IV B rocket arrived at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station from Vandenberg Air Force Base Oct. 5 while another Titan IV B was moved to Space Launch Complex 40 to launch a Defense Support Program satellite.

The massive rockets are managed by a group of airmen who know these rockets are supporting a space mission that has contributed to the overwhelming successes of operations in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.

"It's just another day at work," said Staff Sgt. Gabe Nelson, 3rd Space Launch Squadron booster maintenance controller and lead booster maintenance controller for B-30, the final Titan rocket that will be the last to launch from the Cape in late 2004. "We're just doing what we've been trained to do."

The Titan IV B is a heavy-lift space launch vehicle used to carry government payloads such as the DSP, Milstar and National Reconnaissance Office satellites into space.

"After the (space shuttle) Challenger incident in 1986, the Titan IV really brought the space program through a tough period," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Ellis,

3rd SLS booster maintenance controller.

The Titan IV can launch space shuttle-class payloads. The vehicle is flexible in that it can be launched with no upper stage, or one of two optional upper stages for greater and varied carrying ability.

Most who watch launches don't think of the enormous effort it takes to get a rocket the size of a Titan IV B ready for launch. It's a daunting task that takes airmen with the support of Lockheed Martin more than 150 days just to prepare the up to 204-foot, more than 2 million-pound rocket for operation.

"We first place the stages of a Titan IV B into the Vertical Integration Building," said Staff Sgt. Nelson during the offload of B-30 from a C-5 on the Cape's Skid Strip. "We then place it in a vertical position and prepare it to be moved through other processing functions for final move to the launch pad."

The Titan IV B will be phased out in 2004 with three launches remaining. Two will take place at CCAFS and the last launch is from Vandenberg.

"I've always wanted to work here since I was 7 and took a tour of Kennedy Space Center and the Cape," said Staff Sgt. Nelson. "I told myself that I'd work here one day and now I am."



Staff Sgt. Gabe Nelson, 3rd Space Launch Squadron, booster maintenance controller, awaits the unloading of a Titan IVB rocket at the Skid Strip on CCAFS Saturday.



## Making a difference through art

By 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Kreft  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

At first glance, Charles Smith looks like a typical person working on base; quietly and diligently serving at the Frame Shop.

Then you hear his voice. And that's only half the story.

Shortly after the 50th anniversary of D-Day in 1994, Mr. Smith was commissioned to create a memorial to honor members of the Army's 507th Parachute Infantry.

This life-sized monument now stands in Normandy, France, in remembrance of the heroic actions taken June 6, 1944 by these soldiers.

Mr. Smith is an artist by trade, but "artist" is far from where he began, and it's certainly not what brought him to Patrick Air Force Base. He was stationed here during his last assignment at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, and retired here as an Army major after serving 20 years in uniform.

After years of service to his country, Mr. Smith found that he had developed stage 1 esophageal squamous cell cancer. He underwent difficult surgeries, specifically a hemilaryngectomy (surgery for removal of part of the voice box) in order to survive the illness.

The treatments left Mr. Smith with a conspicuous voice change. But even more noticeable, according to him, a life direction change.

The Army retiree realized that life had much to offer, and he thrived in the peace that artistic expression offers. After surviving the cancer and the treatments, Mr. Smith began his life as a career artist. Mr. Smith chuckles when he thinks about it, "If not for the cancer, this army guy would have never

become the artist."

His life and his laugh would never be the same.

He produces and encapsulates his own art, and the art of others, in any form possible. At the Patrick Frame Shop, Mr. Smith works with individuals who seek to capture their art in a memorable form. In a sense, he had the same mission for the memorial in Normandy. Mr. Smith had to come up with a design that would not only be a beautiful monument, but one that would be a proper tribute to the history and valor of the 507th story.

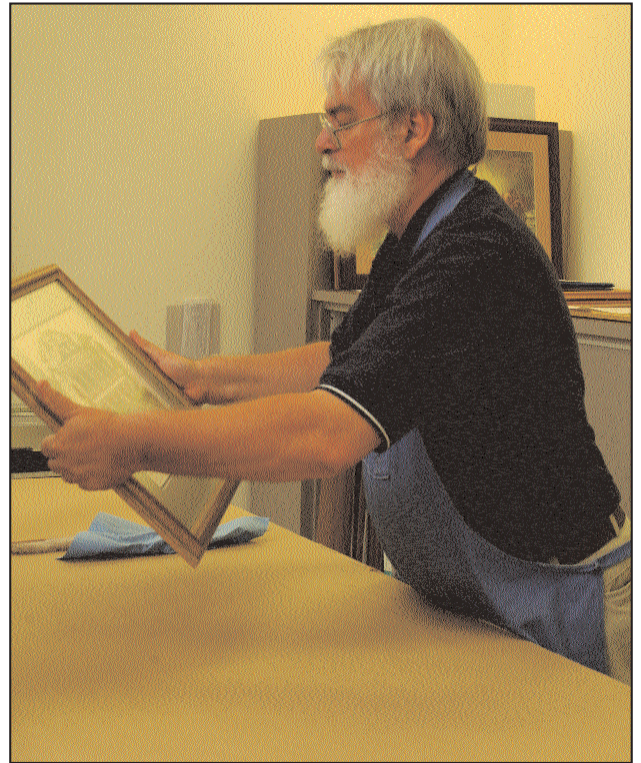
The 507th was part of the 82nd Airborne Division. The division's task was to prevent the German army from repulsing the American invasion from the water. They were also responsible for securing several bridges to allow for the allied invasion to surge inland once the soldiers had reached the shore. Many statues and memorials line the beaches of the French countryside, at various spots where the parachute units landed and gathered for their ensuing battles.

But as time passed, and as many of the soldiers returned to the site of the insertion, some of the brave men who took part in offensive realized that they were not recognized among the units.

Retired Maj. Gen. Paul Smith, then a company commander for the 82nd Airborne on that day in 1944, went back to France for the 50th anniversary of D-Day and noticed that the 507th was the only unit not memorialized.

Maj. Gen. Smith consulted with several of his surviving comrades in the 507th, and they decided to have a stone sculpture designed for a memorial. They wanted it to stand in the very spot where they landed in France.

In search of a deserving artist, Maj. Gen.



Charles Smith, a framer at the Patrick Frame Shop and cancer survivor, was commissioned to create a memorial honoring D-Day soldiers. The monument, left, which now stands in Amfreville, France, took years to plan, sketch and sculpt. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Kreft)



Smith contacted Mr. Smith. Maj. Gen. Smith felt the retired Army major was the most qualified person to create the important statue, not only because of his artistic skill and Army knowledge, but also because of his own bravery that he displayed through his battle with cancer.

Mr. Smith was deeply honored to be asked to create the statue. "What these men did formed the basis for almost all of my training (in the Army). The chance to meet them, hear their stories, work with them, and help recognize them, is nothing short of a gift from God."

After nearly four years of planning, sketching and sculpting, the monument was officially unveiled at a ceremony in July 2002.

There are numerous large memorials throughout the countryside in Normandy, but Mr. Smith's life-sized memorial stands tall in Amfreville, France, the exact site where the majority of the 507th parachute infantry first touched ground. It stands approximately 13.5 feet high, and is made out of polished and unpolished granite.

The statue hoopla is over, but Mr. Smith still feels content in his artistry as he teaches framing classes and working on promotion and going-way gifts at the frame shop. "I enjoyed the opportunity to do this ... but I also love working here at the shop. No one cares as much about your art as you do, but I'm going to

## Are you up to the challenge?

### Events

- Team triathlon
- Basketball
- Golf Tournament
- Swim relays
- Volleyball
- 10-pin bowling tournament
- Canoe race
- Fitness relays
- 5-K run
- One-pitch softball tournament
- Tug-o-war

Oct. 27-30

## 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 Wednesday 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 and civilian 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.

### Change in Fitness Center hours

Due to a scheduled power outage the Patrick Fitness Center will modify its hours of operation Oct. 18-19. The Fitness Center will be open from 2-6 p.m. Oct. 18 and 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Oct. 19. For more information call 494-4947.

### Make the call

New and experienced officials and scorekeepers interested in officiating Patrick AFB youth/intramural sports must be should

contact Michael Green at 537-5808 or Sam Hall at 536-0097. Must be 16 years of older .

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 Space Wing personnel. For more information or to sign up, call the Fitness Center at 494-4947.

# Flag football season kicks off

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

Although it may still feel like summer at Patrick Air Force Base, looking at the dates on a calendar will reveal that it's really fall. While the professionals get to showcase their talents every Sunday, participants of the 2003 intramural flag football season take their game out on the field to showcase their own talents.

Monday marked the beginning of the season. With games at 6 and 7 p.m., three days a week, there is plenty of action to see.

## AFTAC 16 NAVY 0

Air Force Technical Applications Center shut out the Navy team 16-0, in the first game of the 2003 flag football season.

AFTAC quarterback, Jeff Stanley, led his team with two touchdown passes, the first to Chevis Stanley and the second to David Morris. AFTAC defensive back Lassad King's goal line interception on the opening drive took the life from the Navy offense.

The defense was stout, intercepting Navy quarterback Eric Burton twice. Navy tried to stay in the game with their own tough defense. Chris Fink and Carlo Walker each had interceptions.

## RANS 32 CAPE 16

Quarterback Dave Petrolla's five touchdown passes helped the 45th Range Squadron roll past the team from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in game two Monday night.

RANS wide receiver, Sean Kelly, contributed with three touchdown grabs and a two-point conversion.

Cape quarterback, Rich Allen, had two touchdown tosses to wide receiver Jake Pillow. The score was tied at nine apiece at the end of the first half.



Defensive back Jeff Knight, 45th CES, tiptoes down the sideline after intercepting a pass. The CES defense had three interceptions in the game.



Running back Nathan Beard, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, turns the corner on a running play during Tuesday's first intramural flag football game. Beard and the CES team defeated the Air Force Technical Applications Center team 17-0. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery)

In the second half the RANS offense exploded. With two more touchdown catches by Kelly and two from G. Holland, RANS put the game out of reach.

## CES 17 AFTAC 0

In the opening game of Tuesday night flag football the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron stymied the Air Force Technical Applications Center 17-0 at South Housing.

CES got on the scoreboard early in the first half. Running back Nathan Beard took a hand-off from quarterback Mike Lefebvre and threw the ball to wide receiver Ben Crafton for the game's only passing touchdown.

Later in the first half Lefebvre ran the ball in from near the goal line to put the team up 14-0.

Matt Altman was a perfect three for three, kicking the ball. He capped off the scoring late in the second half with a short field goal.

The defense for CES caused havoc for AFTAC all night with interceptions by Jeff Knight, Jorge Ortiz and Aaron Lacey.

## RANS 15 COMM 13

The 45th Range Squadron improved their record to 2-0 with a victory over the 45th Space Communications Squadron. RANS quarterback, Dave Petrolla, played another solid game throwing two touchdown passes.

In the first half, following an interception

by G. Holland, Petrolla found wide receiver John Tieken for the first score of the night. Petrolla found an open Holland later in the half to widen the lead to 13-6.

Defensive back Mike Holloway put the COMM team on the board, returning an interception for a touchdown just before the end of the first half.

Jake Delauter kicked a field goal in the second half to put RANS up 15-7.

Lee Burgher, COMM quarterback, kept the game close with a touchdown pass to Felix Lawson late in the second half.



AFTAC goes over offensive strategy during the two-minute warning of their game against CES.

## 45th SVS committed to enhancing quality of life



The 45th SVS playground at Chevron Park was recently upgraded with new equipment. Quality of life enhancements play a large role in the squadron's ability to remain rated as the best Services squadron in Air Force Space Command. (Photo by Mary Bell)

By Marla Holbert

45TH SVS MARKETING AND PUBLICITY

From new playground equipment to improved vacation planning — family life at the 45th Space Wing keeps getting better.

Over the last six months the 45th Services Squadron has devoted a good deal of its resources on improving the Outdoor Recreation and Information, Tickets and Travel offices. Squadron leaders believe the new improvements will enhance the readiness and well being of local troops and their families.

One of the squadron's more noticeable changes was made at Chevron Park, just outside the Patrick FamCamp. New, durable equipment was added at the playground over the summer, increasing its overall space from 900 to 6,300 square feet.

"Typically this project would take 90 to 120 days, but with the help of Civil Engineering and Contracting Squadron, the project was executed and operational within 30 days," said Jude Sorg, 45th SVS community support flight chief.

Terri Holst, manager of the Information, Tickets and Travel office, said improvements at her facility have enhanced the establishment's profession-

al image and increased customer satisfaction. The office, which was voted #1 in the Air Force Space Command last year, revamped its sales floor to include: new agent workstations, merchandising displays and lobby furniture.

Ms. Holst also hopes to add a cyber café for customers in the near future. The improvement will allow customers to comparison shop by linking to travel sites and additional destination information.

Mr. Tony Boob, Outdoor Recreation manager, said customer response to his new programs, equipment and building changes have been tremendous. The facility now offers a streamlined approach to looking at and renting out equipment. Yet another Services improvement was made at ODR's Family Pool, where shade structures where installed over the baby pool and deck area.

"It's now more customer friendly, while offering an outdoor nautical flair," Mr. Boob added.

"We're remaining focused on improving the areas where we work and play for the benefit of the entire Patrick community," Ms. Sorg said.

The 45th Services Squadron maintains nearly 30 facilities dedicated to promoting fitness, esprit de corps and quality of life to the 45th Space Wing community.

**Youth collect food**

Youth Center members are collecting canned and dry food goods throughout October for Project Food Share. Items are donated to organizations that provide meals for needy families throughout Brevard County. Donations are accepted at the Youth Center in South Housing between 6:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday - Friday, until Nov. 6. Call 494-4747 for information.

**Remember your boss**

Outdoor Recreation delivers Boss's Day balloons on Thursday. Balloons are \$3 each, with a minimum order of two balloons. Outdoor Recreation can deliver your order to all accessible Patrick offices. Call 494-9692 or 494-9625 and place a balloon order by Tuesday for delivery on Boss's Day.

**Artworks display in gallery**

The Skills Center is accepting fine arts and crafts, hobby crafts and matted photos through Oct. 18 from all Skills Development Program users to display in the Patrick Base Library Gallery. Call Nancy Wilberg at 494-4270 for more information.

**Boogie to 70s hits**

Come out for "Oldies Night" in Sharkey's Lounge Oct. 17 starting at 8 p.m. Enjoy 70s Motown hits. Members are admitted free. There is a \$3 charge for non-members.

**Dress up for Halloween**

A Halloween Sunset Street Celebration is Oct. 25 at Outdoor Recreation from 5-9 pm. Enjoy games, prizes, sunset boat rides, food, drinks, music and more. There will also be a

costume contest. Call 494-9692 for more information.

**Learn to frame**

Learn how to frame photos and special projects in one of the Skills Center framing classes. Register a minimum of 14 days prior to class start date. The next sessions are Oct. 28 and 29 from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$25 plus materials and classes are limited to four students.

**Register for computer workshop**

Library Systems administrator Ron Baker is conducting the workshop on Windows Basics Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.m. Coffee and light refreshments are available.

**Ticket office hours change**

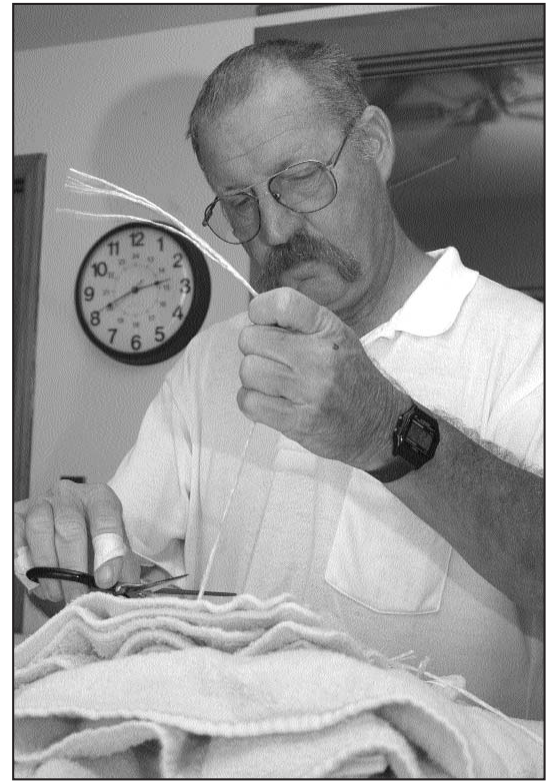
Information, Tickets & Travel is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Patrick ticket office. Cape Canaveral Air Force Station ticket office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Patrick Leisure Travel office is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 494-5158 for more information.

**Youth require sports physicals**

All children enrolled in Air Force Youth Sports are required to have a physical on file. For additional information, contact the sports director at 494-3770.

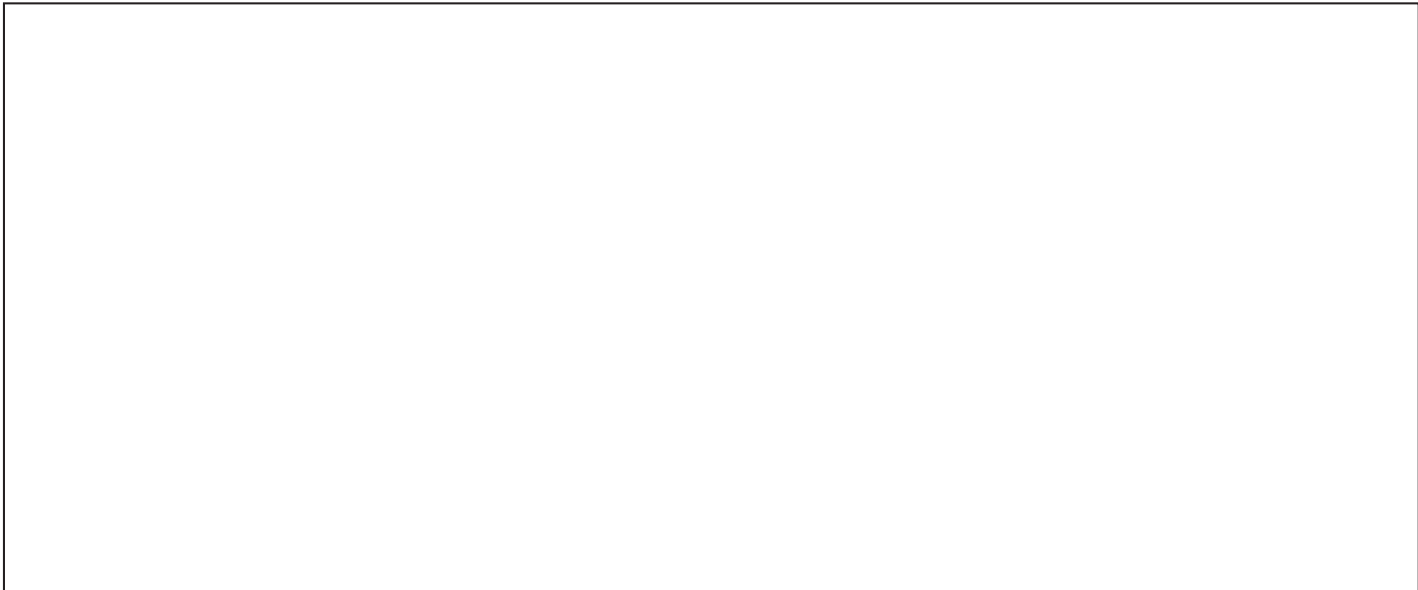
**Experience surf fishing**

Attend one of Outdoor Recreation's surf fishing clinics. Times are Oct. 10 and Oct. 24 from 5-6 p.m., and Oct. 11 and Oct. 25 from 7-10:30 a.m.. The cost to attend the clinic is \$20. Call 494-2042 to register; spaces are limited.



**Hard at work**

George Laws, 45th Services Squadron linen exchange supervisor at Patrick AFB, cuts the excess string off a bundle of linen before sending it to the cleaners. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery)



## Action Line: 494-6550



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

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

The best way to get something fixed is to identify the problem to supervisors and first sergeants.

If you can't get your problem resolved through the agencies, contact the Action Line: e-mail, 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 indicate to whom they've previously addressed the issue.

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494-6607

**45th Civil Engineer Squadron**

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**Inspector General**

Lt. Col. Frank Miles  
494-2287

**Q:** I just wanted to pass on a well deserved "thank you" to the professionals who guard Patrick Air Force Base. My wife and I were stopped by Patrick Security Forces for a random vehicle search. Realizing this is their job, we cooperated and followed the directions we received by an Air Force airman and an Army private. Despite long lines of traffic, they were courteous and respectful. I know they do this routinely, but they treated us with the highest level of respect and did quite a thorough job of searching our vehicle. This was in the heat of mid-day. At the end of their search, they snapped us both a sharp salute and sent us on our way with a smile (we're not even officers). I want you to know that we were impressed by their demeanor. It makes us proud to be associated with the U.S. military when we come in contact with these kinds of (airmen and) soldiers. We simply want to pass our appreciation on to them and their unit for a job extremely well done!

**A:** Thank you for your cooperation and patience during the random vehicle inspection and taking time out of your day to recognize them. Our airmen and soldiers protecting our base take pride in the work they do everyday! Our job is to keep the members of Patrick AFB and our tenant units safe and secure. The professionalism you received is a direct reflection of our joint dedication...to excellence, to our mission, and to the nation. Again, thank you for your comment!



**Friday Seabiscuit** It was the beginning of the 20th century and the paths of three men converged. These men were broken, each for different reasons, and they needed each other to become

whole again. They and the entire country found a hero in an average horse named Seabiscuit that achieved the unthinkable. Stars Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges. (PG-13 for language, some sexual situations and violent sports-related images)

**Saturday Seabiscuit** See Friday's synopsis.

**Sunday The Medallion** A Hong Kong cop suffers a near fatal accident while investigating a case involving a mysterious medallion. He soon discovers that with the powerful medallion he gain incredible speed, strength and skills. Enlisting the help of a British agent, he is determined to learn the secret of the medallion and face the evil Snakehead who wants to use its awesome powers in his own nefarious plans. Stars Jackie Chan, Claire Forlani. (PG-13 for action violence and some double entendre)

**Thursday The Medallion** See Sunday'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.





**Events**

Friday - Sunday, "Salute to Brevard Residents" free weekend at Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex. Residents can enjoy free admission by showing proof of residency (driver license or utility bill). The Visitors Complex will also collect canned goods and non-perishable food items to benefit the Brevard County Sharing Centers. KSC Visitors Complex complex is open from 9 a.m. to dusk every day except Dec. 25. For more information call 449-4444.

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 downtown 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.

Dec. 6-7, Holiday Craft Fair in downtown Cocoa Village. One of the largest craft fairs in Florida with more than 350 craft exhibitors. Event is free. Call 631-9075.

**Festivals**

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. Event is free. Call 633-4028.

Nov. 15, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 10th Annual Fox Lake Christmas Festival of Crafts at 4440 Fox Lake Road in Titusville. More than 200 crafters will have their handmade items for sale. Admission is free.



**Catholic**

Daily Mass 11:30 a.m. in the Seaside Chapel.

Saturday: 4 p.m. confession and 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.

