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Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

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Airman 1st Class J.T. Trudeau affixes a Hurcon three warning sign at the Patrick Air Force Base Main Gate Wednesday. Members from the 45th Space Wing have been making preparations for Hurricane Charley, expected to affect the Space Coast Friday and Saturday.

Absentee votes make difference

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Kreft
45th SW Public Affairs

Military leaders of all branches of service are urging members to participate in the election process by completing registration and application forms for absentee voting.

The goal is to have all military members officially registered to vote by Armed Forces Voters Week, Sept. 3-11.

Officials want to ensure all ballot forms are properly filed and documented in plenty of time for the November election.

"Voting is one of the most basic yet beneficial rights we have as American citizens," said Maj. Mitch Singer, 45th Space Wing Installation voting officer. "We want all of our members to understand that this process is sacred and should be recognized as a privilege.

“ Our job is to ensure people can vote, no matter what their political stance. We want to make sure that our members understand their rights and have the opportunity to participate in the elections. **”**

Maj. Mitch Singer
45TH SW INSTALLATION VOTING OFFICER

"We go to work every day to ensure this freedom remains available to every American, so the least we can do is make sure our own people recognize that and appreciate it," he said.

Recent history has shown that mili-

tary absentee voting plays a large role in determining whom our nations elected officials will be.

That means the number of people deploying from the 45th SW alone in the Air Expeditionary Force cycles one and two could have a significant impact on the voting numbers for the State of Florida, and beyond.

"Our job is to ensure people can vote, no matter what their political stance," said Maj. Singer. "We want to make sure that our members understand their rights and have the opportunity to participate in the elections."

Assistance with absentee voting registration and ballot forms is now available for all members through their unit voting representatives. For more information, call 494-5456.



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich
45th SW commander

What a week! Hurricane Charley has shown us just how quickly Mother Nature can throw a loop into your plans. We were supposed to be hosting our junior enlisted picnic today, but instead we are under shelter. Postponing the Junior Enlisted Picnic was a disappointing but necessary action. We will regroup with our event hosts - the Chief's Group, Top 3 and First Sergeants Council and the Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council - and establish a new date for this important event soon.

The hurricane generated a lot of activity starting mid-week as we ran through our checklists, and took measures to safeguard the installations. The system moving toward the base is a category I hurricane, one of the lowest, but all storms have potentially serious consequences. Thanks to everyone for focusing on these important measures, and I'll thank you in advance for the clean-up measures that are undoubtedly in our future.

I'm sure that the recent overall increase in storm activity hasn't escaped you. Between everyday thunderstorms and the formation of three storm systems - Alex, Bonnie, and Charley - you can understand why we take weather so seriously here.

We warned you back in June that as the season progresses activity would start to increase along the eastern seaboard. Hopefully the appearance of Alex motivated you to get your own preparations on track.

If not, I'll point out again where you can go for help. If you didn't save the special hurricane edition of the *Missileer*, you can get the electronic copy off of the Web site, by following the 'Base Newspaper' link off of the main homepage, <https://www.patrick.af.mil/>. Just click on the June 4 edition. For more information you can also check the Hurricane Preparedness link off of the main page, too.

While hurricanes can be one of the most forceful events of nature, we are fortunate that they are one of the natural disasters that gives fair warning. But this lead-time only helps you implement plans you've already prepared for. The 72-hour window sparked by the declaration of HURCON IV is a very short amount of time if you haven't done your homework.

If it seems like I'm harping on preparation, I



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Patrick Ross

Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, administers the re-enlistment oath to Chief Master Sgt. Tony Manson Tuesday at Ascension Auxillary Air Field, with Maj. Kevin Barker, 45th Operations Group Det. 2 commander. The ceremony took place on Green Mountain, which overlooks the U.S. base on the volcanic island. Located 300 miles south of the equator, Ascension AAF is the southernmost point of the 15 million square-mile Eastern Range.

am. Preparation is one of those areas I can't stress enough, which is why I'm looking forward to our deployment exercise next week. Tuesday through Friday we'll be testing the processes we have in place to support our expeditionary mission, a timely precursor to our real world preparation to execute AEF 1/2 commitments.

We are up to about 150 members tasked and more could be on the way. We'll use the exercise as a final check for making sure all training and equipment issues are resolved for our AEF 1/2 unit task codes, and test the initial readiness of those UTCs assigned to AEF 7/8. The baseline determined in this exercise will help us identify improvement areas as we look ahead to a potential Operational Readiness Inspection next year. But more importantly, we need to give our full attention to this exercise because support of expeditionary operations is one of our core missions and because the training and preparation are key to your success and survival on deployment.

And speaking of survival, we are still in the midst of the 101 Critical Days of Summer. School has started but we are still in the danger-prone zone until Labor Day. Kids back in school adds a new dimension to our daily routines as mentioned last week, so it is time to refocus and re-center our efforts to make sure we get through

this final stretch safely.

I'd like to personally recognize Ms. Beverly Hester, whose efforts as a unit safety representative in the 45th Mission Support Squadron were recently honored with a MAJCOM quarterly award, earning her an Air Force Space Command Individual Safety Award of Distinction in Category II.

Commanders and the safety office will tell you that it takes attention at all levels to employ a successful safety program - please make a personal commitment to safety like Ms. Hester has.

I'll conclude by saying the motivation of these safety campaigns is simply to save lives. It was a tough couple of weeks for our command. We lost Airmen to suicides and vehicle accidents - both preventable.

Commanders and supervisors at all levels are going to be pushing the safety message to you personally throughout the month and it is important you know why. It isn't about the statistics - it is about individuals. Each and every single one of our personnel - whether uniformed military, DoD civilian service, contractor, or volunteer - are a valuable member of our mission team and our Air Force family ... we can't afford to lose anyone! Please, now more than ever, look out for one another.

God bless!



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Communication key for deployed, families

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Redmond Raux
45th Chaplains Office

In July, 2003, I deployed for four months with Chaplain (Capt.) David Del Prado and Staff Sgt. David Johnson to a forward location in the Persian Gulf. At present I am preparing to depart in September for a four-month deployment to Afghanistan with Staff Sgt. Aaron Geer.

I believe that ministry in the deployed arena varies greatly and is dependent on the quality of the relationships we have with those at home. People who have developed communication skills that allow them to clearly express themselves are less likely to seek our counsel. They are emotionally stable individuals, both in the deployed location and at home, as they are able to express themselves clearly.

When good communicators are confused about the message they hear, they ask the other person for clarification in the moment, and not after they have stewed over what they think they heard. It is the misunderstandings that upset and confuse people, those who have not learned to ask for clarification when they hear something that bothers them. Many times people have the perception that the other person is angry at them, and the person who feels this way responds in a similar manner, when the emotion the person is actually feeling is totally different (such as frustration, loneliness and tiredness).

In a very similar way, our spiritual relationship with our "God/Higher Power" reflects our ability to deal and cope with issues and concerns. Compare this to the preventive maintenance we do on our car; we get the oil changed, check the tire pressure, all part of a safety check so that the engine doesn't seize up.

When we maintain our connection to our "God/Higher Power" we are putting into place a critical safety check on our spiritual health. If we forge a healthy relationship in the spiritual dimension of our lives (and this usually takes place within a community) then those at home have the support of that community while we are deployed. The power of the supporting, sustaining and compassionate outreach from a community to which we belong cannot be underestimated. Both the deployed and those at home are recipients of this support.

At the same time, in the deployed location, we offer worship services, counseling and a ministry of presence to personnel in their work areas which enables the deployed individuals the opportunity to continue building their spiritual relationship as well as to gain strength from those who are deployed with them. We utilize our individual strengths to assist one another. Individuals are no longer alone as they form a "community" with other like-minded people.

As we prepare to deploy, I am grateful for the Fit to Fight initiative of the Air Force. I know that our future assignment could very well require increased stamina and strength as we are projected to provide a ministry of presence reflecting the Air Force Chaplain Service vision of "A visible reminder of the Holy, Glorifying God, Honoring Airmen, Serving All," to personnel assigned to the joint forces in Afghanistan. The climate will be inhospitable and travel challenging. If we are not physically prepared, then we will not be an asset to the troops there, but a liability. Being "fit to fight" is a combined status of spiritual, physical and emotional health. We all need to take the time to focus on being prepared and ready in all these areas, whether we are scheduled to deploy or not. Take the time to accomplish the "preventive maintenance" in your life, just as you would for your car.

Those who have been deployed recently and wish to write a commentary about how preparation is key to deployment, e-mail the Missileer staff at missileer@patrick.af.mil.

SHARKS OF THE WEEK



Who: 45th Mission Support Group's Consolidated Commander's Support Staff (from left):

- ◆ Staff Sgt. Alfredo Chavarria
- ◆ Senior Airman Ninoska Bonilla
- ◆ Staff Sgt. Lidia Rojas
- ◆ Master Sgt. Timothy Harold

Exceeded the standard: "They provide outstanding customer service in the new Consolidated Commander's Support Staff every day. They have been integral in establishing this new office, enhancing 45th Space Wing personnel programs. The Consolidated Commander's Support Staff is the first in Air Force Space Command. They pride themselves in providing top notch guidance and support to both unit personnel and the units' leadership. Job well done."

- Master Sgt. Dale Vicos, 45th Mission Support Group first sergeant

BE PREPARED FOR A HURRICANE

- Review and implement hurricane checklists.
- Stay informed. Stay tuned to local radio and TV stations for the latest hurricane information.
- If working and/or living on Patrick or Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, watch SharkVision TV on channel 99 or 1 for information.
- For updates, call 494-4636.



Wing Staff Q&A :

Lt. Col. Frank Miles
45th Space Wing
Inspector General

Q.What's the mission of the IG team?

A. We enhance the wing's operational capability through comprehensive and fair investigations and evaluations. by administering the Air Force personal complaints and fraud, waste and abuse detection and prevention programs, as well as by conducting wing-wide exercises and managing the wing self-inspection program.

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

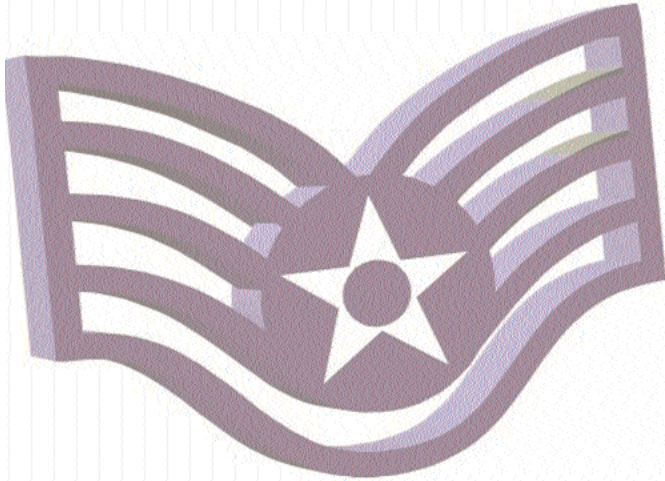
A. The IG Team serves as the "eyes and ears" of the wing commander. We analyze complaint data and brief wing leadership on systemic problems and trends, test and

evaluate the wing's capability to respond to real-world contingencies, assess mission performance and organizational effectiveness and we act as a clearinghouse for Congressional Inquiries ensuring a unified response approved by the wing commander.

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

A. We hope that through objective fact-finding and fair and timely investigations and evaluations that we can create an atmosphere that encourages people to come forward and present their concerns without fear of retribution or reprisal.

Staff Sgt. promotions announced



RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - The Air Force has selected 13,625 of 33,306 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant, a 40.91 percent selection rate. The complete list of selectees will be posted to the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom, by 8 p.m. central time Friday.

"The Air Force has had another banner year in terms of promotion," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, enlisted promotions branch chief at AFPC. "The Air Force has singled out those senior airmen who have shown they are ready for the next big step in their career. This group has worked hard for their stripes and will make valuable contributions as our newest NCOs."

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices by the end of August, allowing them to see just how their Promotion Fitness

Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against others within their Air Force Specialty Code. Each Airman can also get an electronic copy of his or her score notice, Aug. 16, by logging into the virtual Military Personnel Flight at <http://www.af-pc.randolph.af.mil/>.

The average score for those selected was 272.33 points, with the following averages:

- 130.85 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 58.23 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 54.29 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 16.43 Time in Grade
- 10.88 Time in Service
- 0.79 Decorations

The average selectee has 1.77 years time in grade and 4.39 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September 2004 to August 2005.

Catherine DeLeon	45th SFS	Tia Conners	45th ADOS	Stephen Mendez Jr.	45th CES
Beau Difrenna	45th SFS	Canales Mil Rosado	45th ADOS	Kenneth Short	45th CES
Candice Stephen	45th SW	Milissa Henry	45th MDSS	Todd Snyder	45th CES
Bryan Ensley	45th MSS	Demetra Crawford	45th MDSS	Anthony Vera	45th CES
Ninoska Bonilla	45th MSS	Jasmin Carreon	45th MDSS	Anthony Winn	45th CES
Jessica DeJesus	45th MSS	Martinez Negron	45th MDSS	Alicia Abrigo	AFTAC
Phillip John	45th MSS	Scott Kamica	45th MDSS	Selena Ainsley	AFTAC
Samuel Morales	45th MSS	William Walsh II	45th MDSS	James Atkinson	AFTAC
Terri Williams	45th MSS	Corey Taylor	45th SW/FM	Michael Booth	AFTAC
Jess Escobar Ortiz	45th MSS	Roberto Torres	17th Test Sq.	Coral Borrás	AFTAC
Marsha McCray	45th OPS	Robert Andrews	45th CES	Natisha Brown	AFTAC
Timothy Faircloth	45th WS	Darrel Dabeck	45th CES	Tonya Cobarruviaz	AFTAC
Jamica Smith	45th WS	Levi Duncan	45th CES	Nicholas Kappel	AFTAC
Rahel Kibler	45th SCS	Corey Dutton	45th CES	Mark Ledoux	AFTAC
Todd O'Quinn	45th MDOS	Frank Gutierrez Jr.	45th CES	Ryan McLain	AFTAC
Porscha Pendleton	45th MDOS	Russell Jamieson	45th CES	Chevis Stanley	AFTAC
Margaret Collins	45th ADOS	Damon Luyanda	45th CES	Andrew Weber	AFTAC

New Medicare drug card provides discounts for seniors

By Col. David Gettman
45th Medical Support Squadron

The Patrick Air Force Base Pharmacy serves many Medicare-age patients. And, although military beneficiaries fill their medications on base or through Tricare, there may be some questions about the new Medicare prescription drug benefit. In fact, a new study from the Kaiser Family Foundation reveals that nearly 70 percent of adults say they do not understand much about the new drug benefit, which was signed into law last December.

The new drug benefit Medicare Part D isn't available until Jan. 1, 2006. However, all Medicare beneficiaries who are enrolled in either Medicare Part A and/or Medicare Part B and not currently receiving prescription benefits from Tricare, state Medicaid or private insurance are eligible for a Medicare Approved Drug Discount Card Program that started this May.

It is important for military retirees in the Tricare senior pharmacy program and veterans in the VA drug program to realize that the new law will not affect them. However, these programs will coordinate with the

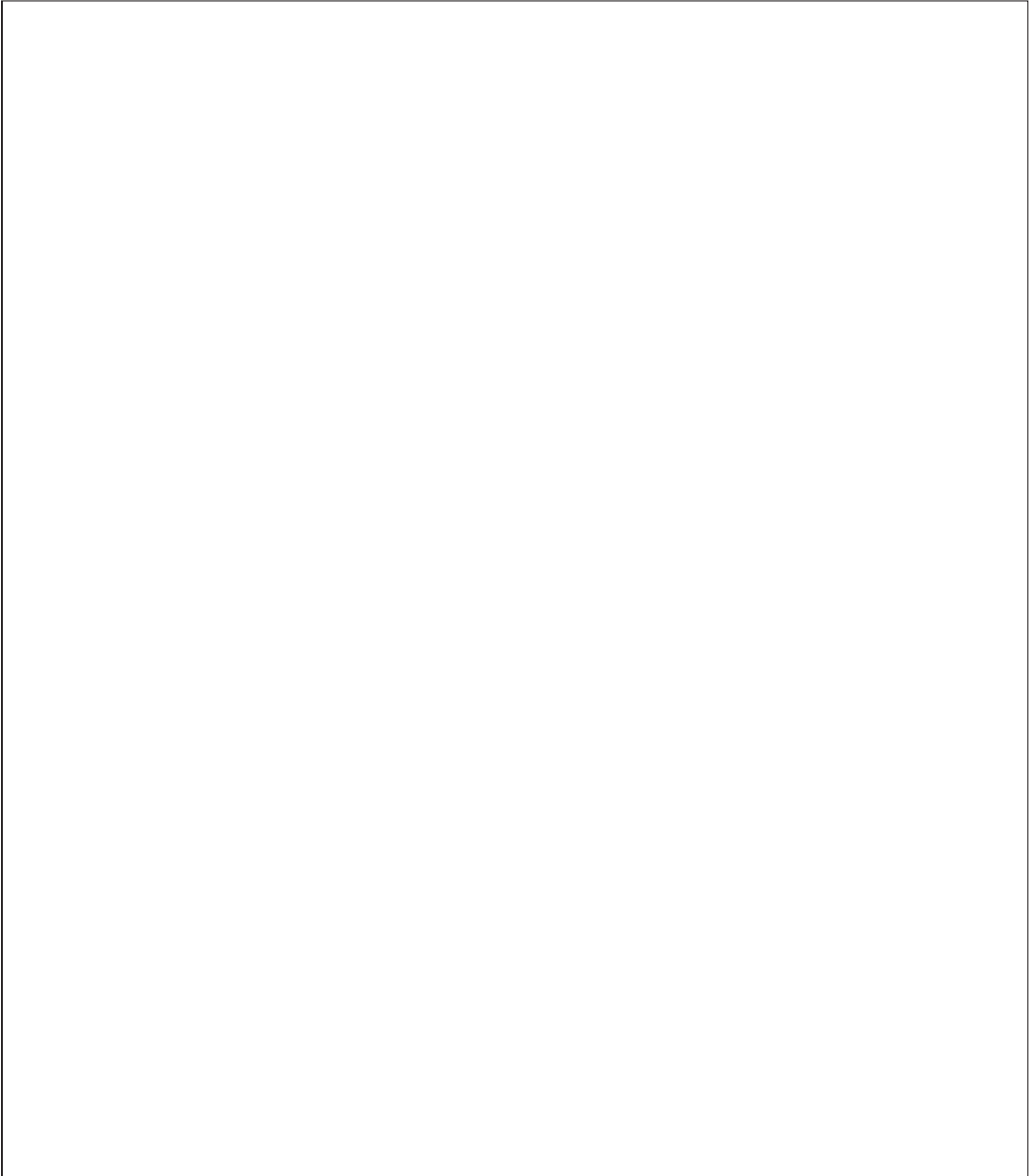
Medicare drug benefit so that no drug vendor is reimbursed twice.

Seniors who qualify for the voluntary program will be able to get discounts ranging from 10 to 25 percent of the current retail cost of their drugs. The drug discount cards are primarily intended for individuals without a source of insurance for their outpatient drug costs.

In addition to the information provided by Medicare, contact your local chapter of the AARP, which offers education to seniors about the new drug benefit. A link to frequently asked questions appears on AARP's Web site, available at: <http://www.aarp.org/prescriptiondrugs/-informed/Articles/a2003-12-09-billfaq.html>

Patients with incomes under \$28,000 (\$38,000 for couples) can call 1-800-865-7211 or visit www.together-rx.com for information on discounts from several manufacturers.

The National Council on Aging provides information for individuals over age 65 about public and private healthcare programs that can assist in paying for some of their prescription drug costs. Visit <http://www.benefitscheckup.org>.



Officials clarify cosmetic surgery policy

By G.W. Pomeroy

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force doctors perform cosmetic and reconstructive surgeries as part of essential training, but elective cosmetic procedures such as breast augmentations are not routinely available as perks to servicemembers and their families, according to Air Force Medical Service officials.

Recent published reports in civilian media suggested that elective procedures are prevalent in the military health care system. Some reports also indicated that free cosmetic surgery is common among servicemembers and their families.

Air Force doctors, and their counterparts across the Defense Department, perform elective cosmetic surgeries, but not to the extent people have been led to believe, according to Air Force Medical Service officials.

In fiscal 2003, Air Force doctors performed roughly 50,000 total procedures, of which 405 fell into the six categories of cosmetic surgery: abdominoplasty or "tummy tuck," 25; blepharoplasty, (eyelids), 50; breast augmentation, 116; face lift, 31; liposuction, 151; and rhinoplasty, (nose), 32. "The fact is all beneficiaries

are eligible for these procedures but there are policies in place to govern this aspect of the military health care system," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Joseph Legan, the Air Force Medical Service's chief consultant for surgical services.

"There is no charge for reconstructive surgery related to trauma, burns or disease," Dr. Legan said. "Solely cosmetic surgery for an active-duty Airman requires no payment unless cosmetic implants are part of the procedure; the implants are paid for by the Airman prior to surgery."

No surgery is done on active-duty members for weight reduction, Dr. Legan said. "For other beneficiaries, solely cosmetic surgery is chargeable based on the procedure and whether it is performed on an inpatient or ambulatory basis," Dr. Legan said.

Payment arrangements are finalized before patients are placed on the surgery schedule.

Dr. Legan also said that solely cosmetic surgery is done only on a space-available basis, and may constitute no more than 10 percent of a plastic surgeon's workload.

He emphasized that such skills are crucial for Air Force doctors to keep pace with their civilian counterparts.

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Lt. Col. (Dr.) Joseph Legan
AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

reconstructive surgery that often entails some degree of aesthetics," he said. "Experience with cosmetic cases gives surgeons an ability to achieve the best possible results for reconstructive patients.

Within the Air Force, plastic surgery is currently available at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; Keesler AFB, Miss.; Travis AFB, Calif.; and Andrews AFB, Md.

Medical service officials said cosmetic surgeries could also be performed by doctors other than plastic surgeons, specifically general surgeons, ophthalmologists, ear nose and throat surgeons and oral surgeons. The Air Force Academy has ophthalmologists and ENT surgeons who have done some cosmetic cases.

2005 NCO retraining program under way

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials want more than 1,000 noncommissioned officers to pick a new job during the voluntary phase of the fiscal 2005 NCO retraining program that began Aug. 3.

Eligible NCOs have until Sept. 30 to apply. If the Air Force does not meet its goal of placing 1,098 Airmen from overage career fields into shortage career fields, a non-voluntary second phase may be implemented.

Rosters showing those identified in Phase 1 as susceptible to involuntary retraining, sorted by Air Force specialty code and in order of vulnerability, are posted on a secure Web page accessible at: www.afpc.ran-dolph.af.mil/enlskills/retraining/retraining.htm.

The complete list of retraining-in opportunities is available on the retraining advisory at local military personnel flights.

If necessary, the involuntary Phase 2 will begin for any Air Force specialty that did not meet voluntary retraining-out program objectives. In that case, Air Force Personnel Center officials will issue further instructions and implementation guidance.

Selection is determined across all eligible year groups, mirroring assignment eligibility ranked by the date an Airman arrived on station. Retraining is limited primarily to staff and tech-

nical sergeants with 16 years or less, or master sergeants with 18 years or less. Some second-term senior airmen may volunteer for staff sergeant quotas. There are also limited retraining opportunities for senior master sergeants.

According to personnel officials, this multi-purpose program is designed to rebalance the enlisted force from career fields with overages to those skills experiencing shortages; provide NCOs a voice in their career development; and return disqualified airman to a productive status.

"Historically, we have retrained NCOs from career fields with overages to career fields with shortages," said Reese Lang, chief of trained personnel requirements at the Pentagon. "As in the past, the fiscal 2005 program's goal is to balance the enlisted force."

Personnel center officials have already identified those who are susceptible for involuntary retraining and will notify these NCOs through official channels. "We highly encourage them to apply for retraining into shortage skills that are identified in MILPDS, or to apply for any special-duty identifiers," Mr. Lang said.

"Besides those identified as vulnerable, anyone in an AFSC or grade identified as an overage, may apply for available quotas providing they meet eligibility requirements," he said.

Specialty codes having the highest number of

eligible retrainees includes supply management, security forces, communications and computer systems, and aerospace medical services.

Airmen who wish to view their current standing should follow the links from the retraining Web page to the AFPC secure page and log in using their Virtual MPF password. A retraining link will take them to the listing of specialty codes and grades. By clicking on current grade, or projected grade, NCOs will be able to see their current ranking amongst those who are vulnerable. A list of frequently asked questions will be posted to the retraining Web page.

If Phase 2 is implemented, NCOs in those specialties not meeting the retraining-out program target will continue to be identified until the end of the phase. Those selected under Phase 2 will receive an approval notice for a specialty selected by AFPC officials.

Selection criteria has changed this year from selecting NCOs based solely upon their seniority, using their total active federal military service date, to selecting across all eligible year groups mirroring assignment eligibility.

For example, once all ineligibles have been removed from consideration, everyone left will be sorted by the date they arrived at their current duty station and those with the most time on station will appear at the top of the list for involuntary retraining.

MILESTONES

FTAC graduates

The following Airmen 1st Class graduated from First Term Airmen Center Class Friday:

Sara Meaney, AFTAC
Sherwin Lockridge, 45th SFS
Patrick Jenkins, 45th SFS
Dwight Richards, 45th CES

Joann Lee, 45th ADOS
Robert Potts, 920th MXS
David Shepherd, 45th SCS
Charles Speed, 45th CONS
Donna Stubbs, 45th CONS
Sharon Bothwell, SMC
Antionietta Broadbent, 45th MDSS
Mary Clemmons, 45th ADOS
Leon Lattery, 45th RMS

Civilian service

20 years

John Conners, 1st ROPS
Rita Crocket, DEOMI

10 years

Alicia Holmes, 45th MSS
David Howard, 920th MXS

Getting a job after service

By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery
45th SW Public Affairs

In a dog-eat-dog world of business, trying to find the right job after serving in the military can be a daunting task. The 45th Space Wing Family Support Center, opens its doors to help find separating servicemembers a new niche.

"Servicemembers face many difficulties trying to re-enter the civilian job market," said Maurice Cronin, 45th SW community readiness consultant.

The largest problem, according to Mr. Cronin, is lack of preparation.

"Anyone planning to separate should start planning two years in advance," he said.

Unfortunately, he added, most individuals don't expend the energy necessary to find the best job for them.

Many people going through transitioning don't have a realistic view of the job market, Mr. Cronin said.

"They have to understand that they are competing in a entirely new environment, different from the military," he added.

Going into a job search, many former military members set expectations high. That can lead to stress when they realize the perfect job may not be attainable at the moment.

Many servicemembers who were successful in his or her career are convinced they should earn a top spot in a company when they get out, said Mr. Cronin.

"Many are so fixed on a title or a position that they go bankrupt waiting for their dream job to come along."

"A military member is already very marketable," said Mr. Cronin. "Because of security clearance, technical expertise and work ethic."

And a well-written resumé can make or break potential hiring. It is one way for a person to avoid stress, concentrating on making his or herself more marketable.

"Many people don't know how to write a good resumé," said Mr. Cronin. "That where the people at the family support center can help."

Family Support Centers offer transition assistance programs designed to help individuals study and understand the civilian job market, and provides resources to assist in job searches.

FSC members realize the difficulty and importance of the transition period and the challenges individuals face.

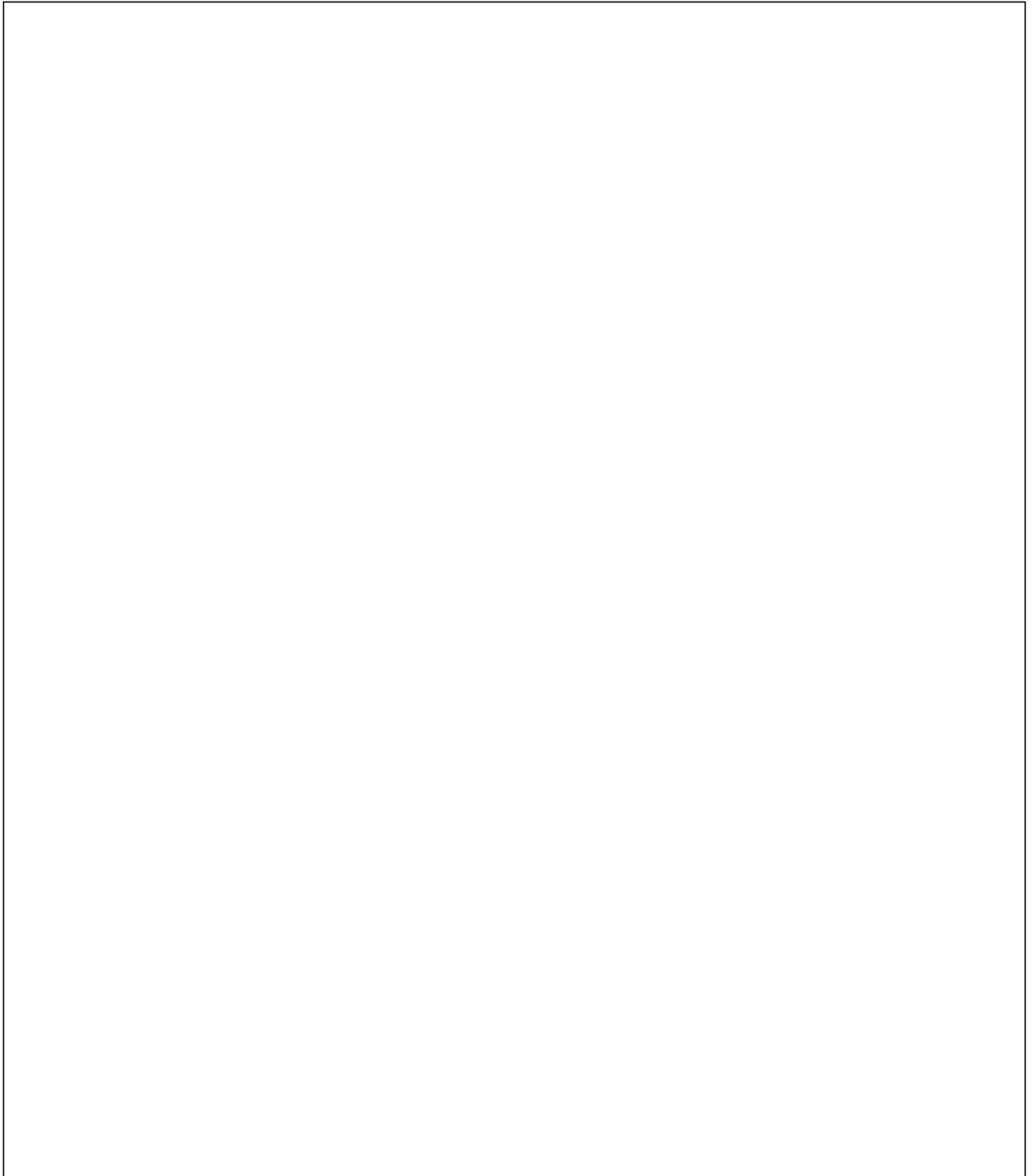
"The transitional period impacts the total military force," said Mr. Cronin. "It's not just the servicemember we're concerned about, it's also his or her family. We owe it to them to give them the opportunity for success on the outside."

This is part one of a series of articles focusing on the issue of military separation and how to prepare.

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or call 494-5922

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Rocket Lanes closes

Due to the installation of a new air conditioning unit, Rocket Lanes will be closed through Aug. 23. For more details, call 494-8090.

Join the chiefs' group

The Space Coast Association of Chief Master Sergeants invites all current and prior chief master sgts, sergeant majors, master gunnery sgts or master chiefs who restore, sustain and perpetuate the values that make the military service so vibrant to become part of their organization.

The group offers opportunities to influence enlisted members of the Space Coast. Membership is open to all E-9 grades - active, reserve or retired. For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Lloyd French at 494-2505.

ACT test available

The ACT assessment program test is offered to active duty and Reserve members Aug. 26 in Bldg. 998, Room B-8 at 7:30 a.m. This test can be used for college entry. Call 494-2071 for reservations. Seats are limited.

Language class offered

An English for Speakers of Other Languages class is Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Family Support Center, this class is open to all speakers of their languages in need of learning English or polishing up their English speaking and writing skills. The class is free and open to active-duty, DoD civilians, retirees, NAF and AAFES employees and family members.

For reservations or additional information, call Elsa Kekahuna at 494-5675.

Respect endangered species

The 45th Space Wing is required to comply with the Endangered Species Act, which covers nesting sea turtles at Patrick AFB.

Housing residents should be aware of the policies pertaining to the turtles, specifically by maintaining the proper lighting around the homes. Residents may obtain the mandatory low-pressure sodium bulbs (which prevent unnecessary disorientation for the turtles) at the Self-Help store, Bldg. 1060. For more information, call Caroline Jamba at 494-4032.

New URL for forms

The DoD Forms Program has a new Universal Resource Locator. The Web site is available at www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/formsprogram.htm. It can also be found under the DoD Issuances site in the right column at www.dtic.mil/whs/directives. Currently, there is a redirect to the URL, but this is only available until Sept. 1.

For more information, call Marcia Donahue at 854-4660.

Learn something new

The Family Support Center offers the following classes: Pre-separation Briefing - Monday, 9:30-11 a.m. and 3-Day TAP Workshop - Tuesday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Call 494-5675 for more information or to register. All classes are at the FSC, Bldg. 722 unless otherwise noted.

Get statements online

Pay statements are no longer mailed to military members. Mid-month pay statements, Leave and Earnings Statements and W-2 forms is only available via the MyPay Web site.

To gain access to this on-line system, stop by

the 45th Comptroller Squadron 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday to receive a personal identification number. For more information, call Finance Customer Service at 494-4882.

Become an American citizen

A new citizen class is being planned for September for those interested in becoming an American citizen. Class will be Monday nights. The class is free and open to active duty, DoD civilians, retirees, NAF and AAFES employees and family members. For more information, call Elsa Kekahuna at 494-5675.

Reunion scheduled

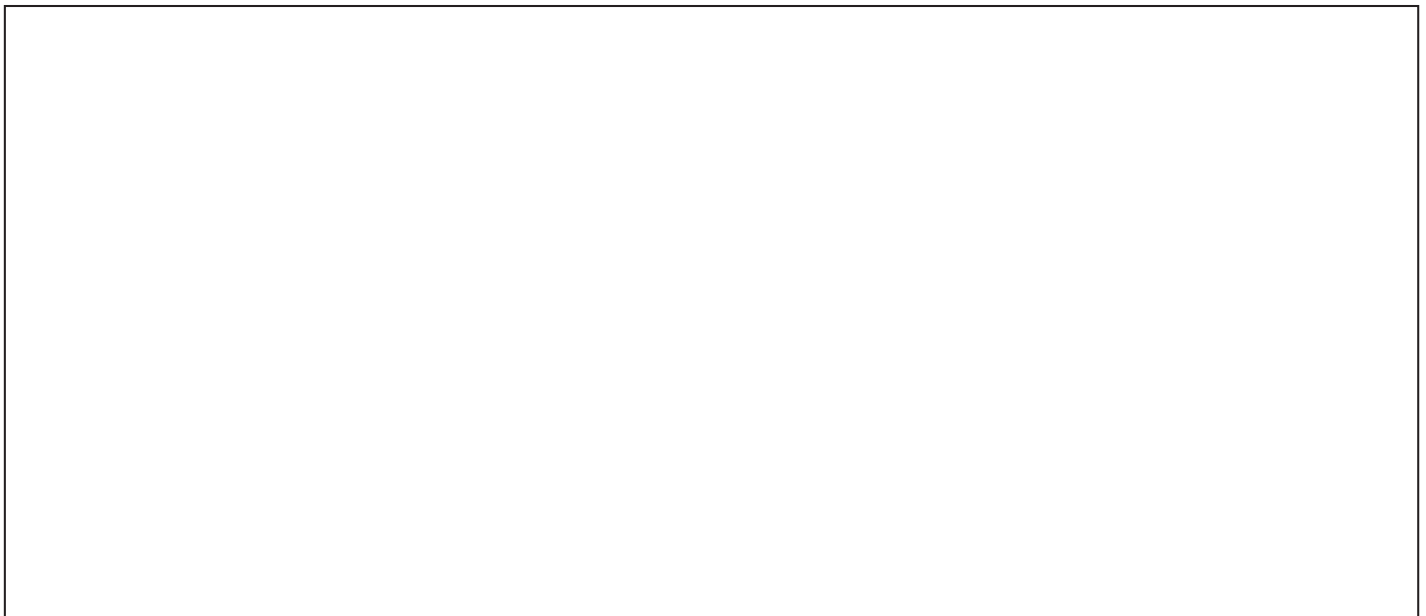
The first reunion of Eastern Test Range personnel will be held Aug. 27, 6 p.m. at the Patrick AFB Officers' Club. Reservations are required, and the cost is \$20 per person. Fee is due by Aug. 15 to Ruth Szynaka, 253-8363 or Joyce Hardee, 632-4569.

Spaceport Safety Day scheduled

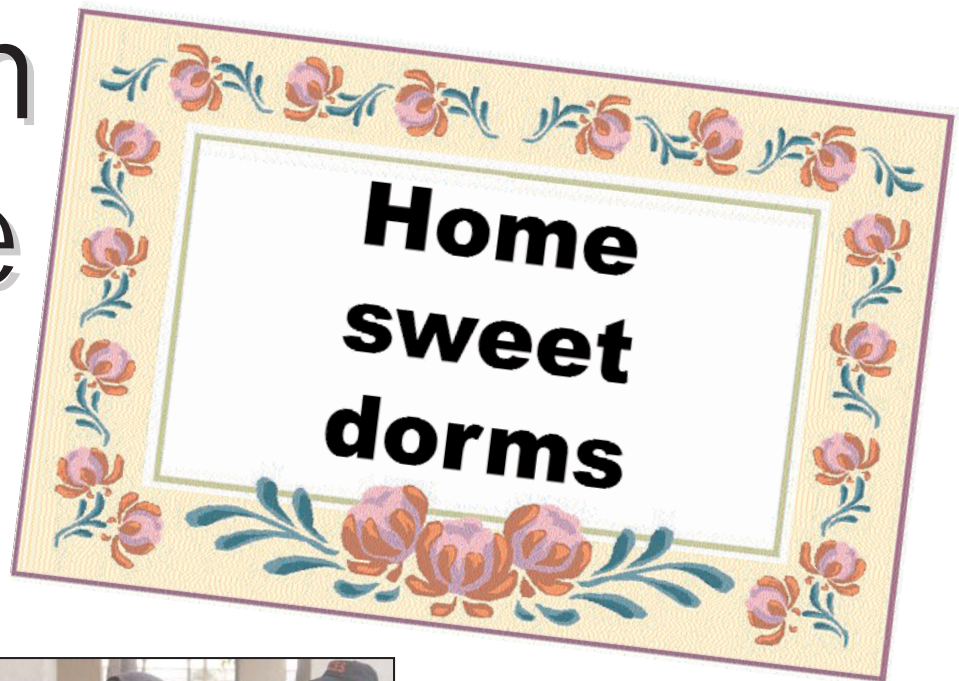
Preparations are under way for Spaceport Super Safety and Health Day 2004 scheduled for Oct. 28. This annual event was initiated at Kennedy Space Center in 1998 to increase awareness of the importance of safety and health among the KSC workforce. Visit <http://safetyandhealth.ksc.nasa.gov/> for more information.

Spouses club bowling meeting

The Patrick Air Force Base Spouses Club League is having their organizational meeting at 10 a.m. Aug. 25 at the base library. Bowling starts Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m. Anyone interested in becoming a regular member or substitute call Mary Lou Kelly at 777-0806.



Airmen spruce up dorms



By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery
45th SW Public Affairs

The dorm residents of Patrick Air Force Base assigned to Bay Orderly learn the importance of keeping their "home away from home" clean.

"The job of bay orderly personnel is to help the dorm managers maintain the dormitories, to allow us time to see to other issues, like ways to improve our residents quality of life," said Senior Airman Hector Bono, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron assistant dorm manager.

Each week, dorm managers assign one Airman from each dormitory building to perform bay orderly duty. The Airmen are excused from their normal duties for the week.

Airmen arrive each morning at 7:30 to meet with dorm managers. Their first task is a walk-around of each building, picking up any loose trash.

"It's very important that when people walk or drive by the dorms there isn't anything lying around," explained Senior Airman Bono.

Next on the list is a tour through each building, looking to see what parts need the most attention.

General clean-up is done every day, said Senior Amn. Bono. Larger tasks, such as detailed cleaning of kitchens or windows are scheduled on particular days.

While bay orderly duty may not be first on an Airman's list of favorite duties, Senior Airman Bono explained that there is an ihearent value to the job being performed.

"Having a clean dormitory raises troop morale," he said. "When you walk into the buildings or dayrooms and they are spotless each time, it makes you feel better about where you live."



Photos by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

Senior Airman Hector Bono, 45th CES assistant dorm manager, discusses plans to wash dayroom windows with Airman Nathan Adams, 45th Space Communications Squadron.

When an Airman does bay orderly duty, he or she realizes the importance of keeping the dormitories clean, said Senior Airman Bono. "Knowing that they will someday be responsible for cleaning up, Airmen will think twice about leaving a mess behind."

Senior Airman Bono also sees teamwork and camaraderie being fostered between the Airmen.

"The work has to get done, no ifs, ands or buts about it," he said. "The Airmen know the task at hand, and what they need to do to get it done."

Relationships are sometimes forged between two Airmen who may not realize the other is even a dorm resident.

"When you spend five days working beside someone, you learn a lot about that person," said Senior Airman Bono.

Bay orderly not only teaches an Airman the importance of keeping his/her home clean, but also provides a new opportunity for Airmen to learn about each other.



Airman Nathan Adams, 45th SCS, cleans the grills in the common area at the dormitories. Airman Adams is vital part of the dormitories always being up to standard.



Putting pieces together

45th Structures Shop takes projects from start to finish

Photos by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

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45th SW Public Affairs

Amid the sounds of drills whirling, saws screeching and the occasional zap of a welder, members of the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron Structures Shop are starting or putting the finishing touches on a wide variety of projects for the 45th Space Wing.

The 45th CES structures team has its hands in almost every civil engineering endeavor that takes place at Patrick Air Force Base, said Master Sgt. Willie Goodman, 45th CES structural superintendent.

The members of the shop possess fundamental skills in woodworking, metal works, masonry, locksmith work and painting.



Senior Airman Patrick Rollins, 45th CES structural technician, saws a piece of angle iron he will use to repair storm grates.

"You could consider us jacks of all trades," said Sgt. Goodman.

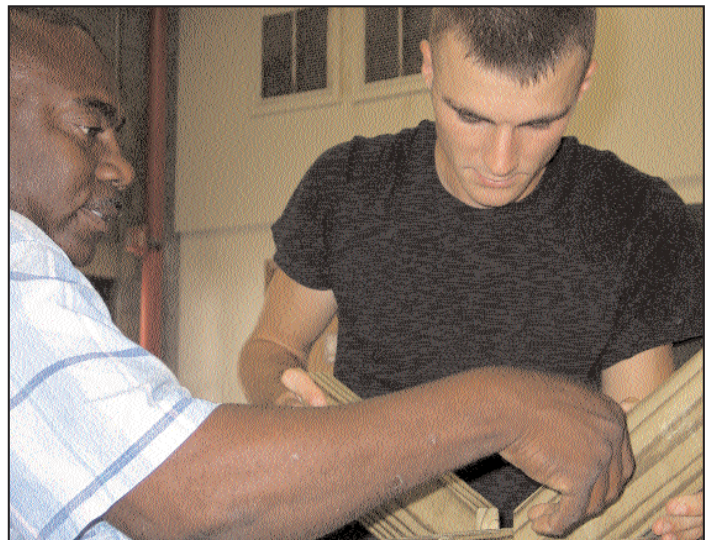
Airman 1st Class Andrew Woolford and John Washington, 45th CES structural technicians, currently working on a project for the new base track, explain the importance of doing the best job they can on every project.

"Our work is highly visible," said Airman Woolford. "Driving around you can see each project you've been a part of, but so can everyone else, and we want it to look good."

The members of the 45th Structures Shop build their work from scratch, which is another reason they pay close attention to detail, said Sgt. Goodman.

Working with drills, saws, metal cutting tools and high voltage means there is always a concern for personal safety.

"We take safety very seriously in this shop," said Sgt. Goodman. "No one touches any equipment



John Washington, left, and Airman 1st Class Andrew Woolford work on a project that will house a new timer for the base jogging track.

unless they are wearing the proper gear."

With tools in hand and the right safety equipment on, the structures shop churns out projects for a vast number of customers and wing events.

Senior Airman Emmanuel Hernandez, 45th CES structural technician, who was putting together a project for the upcoming junior enlistment picnic, said the favorite part of his job is the satisfaction when the job is complete and done well.

"Their craftsmanship defines who they are," said Sgt. Goodman. "It's something they can be proud of and show off to friends and family."

With scrutiny and attention to detail, members of the 45th CES Structures Shop are striving for excellence in all that they do.

Volleyball begins

Intramural volleyball season has returned to Patrick Air Force Base, prompting us to conjure up images of Karch Kirley and Steve Timons. Remember when they led the U.S. Olympic volleyball team to a gold medal? For those who don't remember, think about Tom Cruise and Val Kilmer playing pick-up volleyball in the sandpit during the movie Top Gun. Nevertheless, volleyball is back and here are the results from the first two nights of action:

Monday, Aug. 9 saw the squad from the Air Force Technical Applications Center take down CSR in the first match of the season while the 45th Security Forces team, the reigning champions for the wing, split two games with the 1st Range Operations Squadron.

Wednesday's action saw the 3rd Space Launch Squadron took two games from the 45th CES by forfeit.

Monday			Wednesday		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
AFTAC	1	0	3rd SLS	2	0
45th SFS	1	1	1st ROPS	1	1
CSR	0	1	45th COMM	0	0
5th SLS	0	0	45th CES	0	2

Air Force athletes go for gold

By Samantha Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — After years of hard work, only days remain before three Air Force athletes will compete at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens.

Thousands of athletes have begun arriving and checking into the Olympic Village, with opening ceremonies scheduled for Aug. 13.

Second Lt. Seth Kelsey, 22, of Brush Prairie, Wash., will compete in the men's epee fencing event. He is a 2003 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he earned a degree in behavioral science. The lieutenant has earned Senior "A" World Cup bronze medals in Tallin, Estonia, in 2002 and Havana in 2003.

Capt. Kevin Eastler, 26, of Framington, Maine, will compete in

the 20-kilometer race walk during the track and field portion off the games. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1999 with a degree in mechanical engineering. While he placed second in the 2000 Olympic trials, he was denied a spot in the games because he failed to earn an "A" qualifying time. At this year's trials he placed third with a time of 1:28:49.

First Lt. James Parker, 28, of Great Falls, Mont., is also competing during the track and field portion of the games. The lieutenant will compete in the hammer throw. He majored in exercise science at Utah State, where he was a state discus champion and two-time state shot put champ. Lieutenant Parker placed first in the 2004 Olympic trials and was the 2003 USA Outdoor champion.

2004 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety quiz

The first correct response e-mailed to the 45th SW/SEG at 45swseg@patrick.af.mil, after 9 a.m. Tuesday will receive a prize from the 45 SW Safety Office. Entries received before 9 a.m. will not be counted. Winners will be contacted by SEG to receive their prize and their name will be announced in the next issue of the Missileer.

101 CDoS Questions

Week of Aug. 13:

1. Where is the use of "go-peds" authorized on Patrick AFB?
2. What action is taken for the first offense of driving without a seatbelt on base?
3. What action is taken for the second offense of driving without a seatbelt on base?
4. What equipment is needed when operating a bicycle from dusk to dawn on base?
5. What is the speed limit in base parking lots?

**Last week's winner
waiting for input**

RIVERSIDE DINING

Saturday Brunch - Creole shrimp, doubly good chicken, **savory baked chicken**, Swedish meatballs

Saturday Supper - **Baked fish**, BBQ chicken, doubly good chicken, Hungarian goulash

Sunday Brunch - Cantonese spareribs, grill mustard chicken, oven fried fish

Sunday Supper - Steak loin strip, stir fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets

Monday Lunch - **Baked stuffed fish**, pot roast, **roast loin of pork**

Monday Dinner - Cannelloni beef, **chili mac**, Southern fried chicken

Tuesday Lunch - Salmon cakes, **teriyaki chicken**, veal parmesan

Tuesday Dinner - **Country captain chicken**, meat loaf, turkey ala king

Wednesday Lunch - Lasagna, spaghetti with meatballs, chicken cacciatore, Italian sausage, pasta primavera

Wednesday Dinner - BBQ spareribs, **lemon-herb chicken**, stuffed pork chops

Thursday Lunch - Glazed pork chops, herbed baked chicken, Mongolian BBQ

Thursday Dinner - Glazed Cornish hen, Jaegerschnitzel w/mushroom sauce, **roast loin of pork**

Friday Lunch - Mexican baked chicken, stuffed green peppers, Swiss steak w/tomato sauce

Friday Dinner - **Lasagna**, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian sausage

Menus are subject to change. For more information, call dial-a-menu at 494-2845. Items bolded are healthy choice meals.

The Calendar

Friday

▲ Sign ups begin for the Manatee Golf Course Club Championship held Sept. 4-6. Format will be Individual Gross/Low Net. Tee times are 7 a.m. Awards will be given in each flight. Call 494-7856 for more information.

Saturday

▲ ITT travels by bus to the Sleuth Mystery Dinner Show for a "who-dun-nit." Price includes round-trip transportation from Patrick and admission to the show. Call the ITT office at 494-5158 for reservations. Seats are limited. Adults pay \$45; children 3-11 are charged \$33.

▲ Back to School Xtreme Water Sports Day. Enjoy a day on the Banana River using kayaks and canoes. The Outdoor Recreation staff also offers to pull participants on tubes by their powerboats. Hotdogs and sodas will be on sale for 50 cents. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult to be pulled by powerboats. Cost is just \$5 per person for four hours. Call 494-9692 for ore information.

Monday

▲ A two-week Open water dive class begins. The cost is \$235 and includes all equipment needed for the classes. Diving trips are also offered. Call 494-2042.

Aug. 27

▲ Manatee Cove Golf Course offers a prime rib dinner special on the last Friday evening of each month from 5-8 p.m. Price is \$13.50 per person. Reservations are required. Call 494-7856.

Aug. 28

▲ End of Summer Fishing Tournament, sponsored by Outdoor Recreation, begins at 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded in different age groups. Call 494-9692 for information and to register for the competition.

Ongoing

▲ Anyone who lives on base and is providing childcare for more than 10 hours a week must be licensed through the Family Child Care office. Those found providing unlicensed childcare are subject to administrative actions. Call Tina Washington at 494-8381 or 431-4581.

Join the club



By Theresa Amlong
45th Services Squadron

The Patrick Air Force Base NCO and Officers' Clubs kick off their annual membership drive Aug. 20 with door prizes, complimentary meal certificates, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

Enjoy the entertainment of the Comics on Duty World Tour 5:30-7 p.m. in the NCO Club. The Officers' Club begins the evening with karaoke at 5 p.m. followed by the Comics on Duty World Tour from 6-7:30 p.m. Eligible nonmembers (active duty or retired military, Reserve or guard personnel; DoD civilian and contract personnel assigned to Patrick, Cape Canaveral, NASA and other federal employees and their family members) are invited to attend the events. Those who join during the drive, which runs through Nov. 30, will receive two months of free dues.

This year, Air Force Clubs are asking club members to "Get in on it."

"What we mean by (that) is for new and existing members to take advantage of all that their club has to offer," said Chuck Cihal, Patrick AFB NCO Club manager. "There are a lot of benefits that club membership provides, but of which folks may not be aware."

Air Force Clubs are the center of every celebration. "Being a club member means getting a great value on food, programs and entertainment as well as holiday parties, brunches and ceremonies," said Johnnie Rivera, Officers' Club manager.

"Other benefits include full cashier services, catering programs, lunch and dinner discounts, free birthday meals and a wide variety of entertainment programs."

The campaign offers incentives to new and current members, such as club card account credits and free cash rewards. Members earn two points for all purchases made with their club card in Services activities and the Base Exchange, as well as one point for any purchase off base. As points accumulate, members redeem points for select merchandise.

"Each MAJCOM is awarding a total of six prizes to members," said Mr. Cihal. "There is one grand prize drawing for \$3,000; two drawings for \$1,000 and three drawings for \$500 for a total of \$6,500. There is one drawing for new members and one for current members."

For more information about the "Get in on it" membership campaign, Call Mr. Cihal at the NCO Club, 494-7491 or Mr. Rivera at the Officers' Club, 494-4422.


Air Force Services Clubs


CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Friday - 20 Aug 04


NCO Club: 1730

Officers' Club: 1800







R.J. "Big Baby"
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**Brig. Gen.
Greg Pavlovich**
45th SW
commander

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 indicate to whom they've previously addressed the issue.

I want to express my thanks to the people who "rescued" my little boy on the 4th of July. My wife and I have seven children and were hosting a family with six of their own. All of us were enjoying the food and entertainment at Chevron Park during the Independence Day celebration, when it became very obvious heavy rain was imminent.

We gathered up all the kids, blankets, folding chairs and baby strollers we could find, dispatched a couple of older children to gather up the stragglers and headed for the parking lot. We got to the van just before the rain started. As the last two kids came running up, we did a quick headcount and discovered our 3-year-old was missing.

We headed back to the pavilion in a torrential downpour hoping that he was OK. As I approached the pavilion wondering how I was going to find my son in the dark, in the rain and in the crowd, a woman called out to me, "Are you looking for Andrew?" I nodded and she shouted to everyone, "Andrew's dad is here!" and a big cheer rose up above the din of the storm.

Several people passed him one over another to me while many others smiled and clapped. The little guy was damp but in good shape. And as I stood there soaking wet, I remembered another reason why I continue to serve in the U.S. Air Force: I work and live with the best people in America. They do anything for you, go wherever the country needs them, kick the bad guys in the tail, have a great time on their Nation's birthday, and look after a lost child until his dad gets there. It's a privilege to serve with such people. I don't know the names of our son's rescuers, but we thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

45th Mission Support Group
Col. Edwin Swedberg
494-6607

45th Civil Engineer Squadron
Jack Gibson
494-4041

North and Central Housing
Caroline Jamba
494-2593

Pelican Coast
Carol Farmer
777-8282

45th Services Squadron
Lt. Col. Mark McCullohs
494-8081

Military Personnel
Maj. Dianne Dzialo
494-2035

Commissary officer
Ronald Rogers
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Maurice Joiner
494-6455

Civilian Personnel
Robert Daniel
494-5238

Military Equal Opportunity
Capt. Marlon Johnson
494-6334

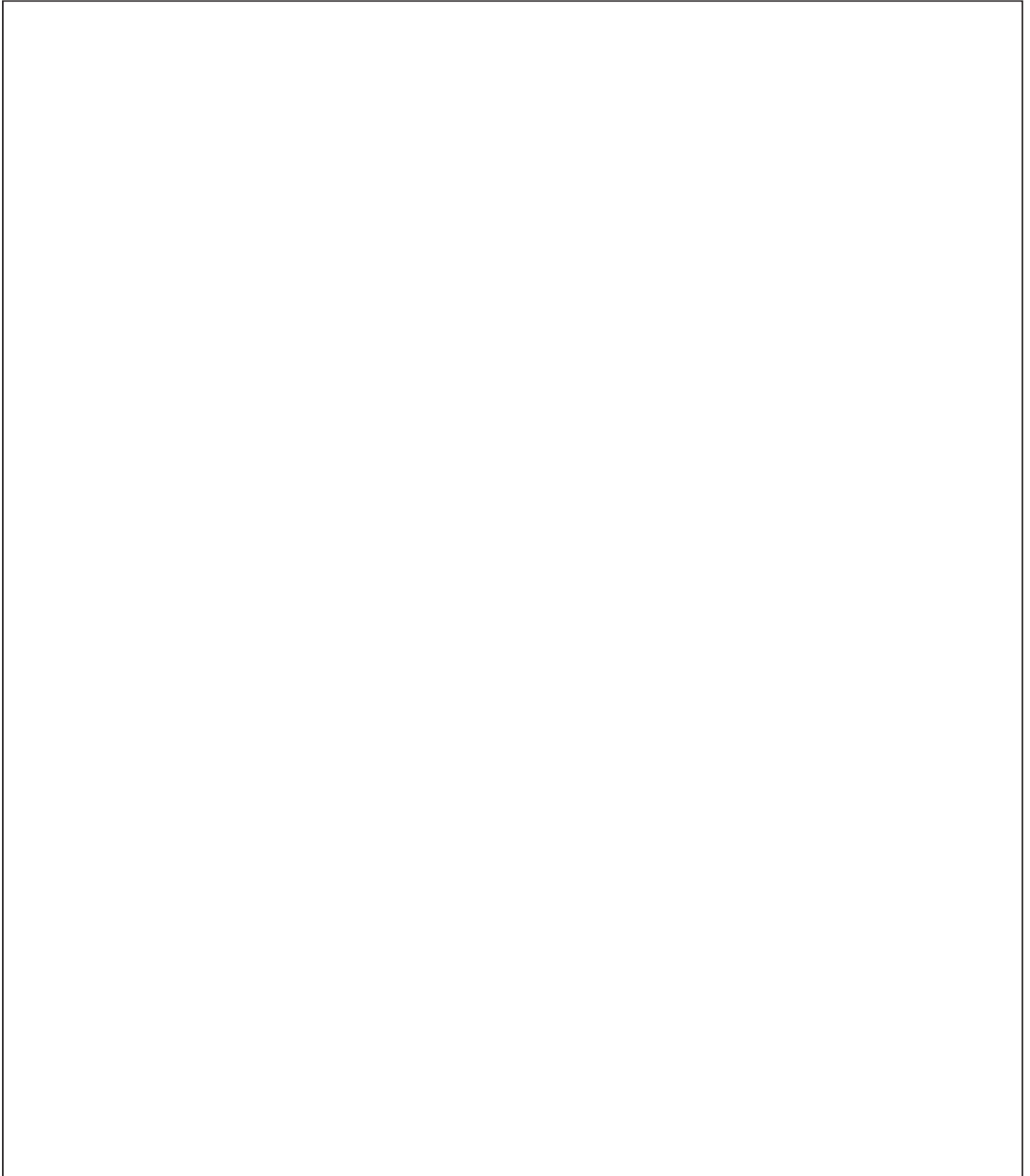
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Lt. Col. Lynden Skinner
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Financial Services
1st Lt. Andrew Gmytrasiewicz
494-7171

45th Medical Group
Col. Gilbert Hansen
494-8100

Ground Safety
Chris Olesnevich
494-4023

Inspector General
Lt. Col. Frank Miles
494-4373





Friday Spiderman 2 - Peter faces new challenges as he struggles with "the gift and the curse," desperately trying to balance his dual identities as the web-slinging superhero Spiderman and his life as a college student. Peter finds that his relationships with all those he holds dear are in danger of unraveling. His life-long yearning for M.J. becomes even stronger as he fights the impulse to reveal his secret life and declare his love. Peter's life is about to become even more complicated as he encounters a formidable new foe, Dr. Octavius. Stars Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst. Rated PG-13 for stylized action and violence. 128 min

Saturday Spiderman 2 - See Friday's synopsis.

Sunday Sleepover - Before their freshman year in high school, Julie has a slumber party with her best friends and they end up having the adventure of their lives. In attempt to cast off their less-than-cool reputations, they enter into an all-night scavenger hunt against their "popular girl" rivals. Hijacking dad's car, sneaking into clubs, evading Julie's mother, and even a first kiss - anything is possible at Julie's Sleepover. Stars Alexa Vega, Mika Boorem. Rated PG for thematic elements involving teen dating, some sensuality and language. 90 min

Thursday Spiderman 2 - See Friday's synopsis.

Movie times are 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Adults pay \$2.50, children 12 and under pay \$1.50.

OUT & ABOUT

Events

Friday Fest Family Street Party in historic downtown Melbourne from 6-9 p.m. Event features music, kids activities, crafts, rock climbing and chair massages. The event is free. Call 724-1741 for more details.

Cat show, Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Melbourne Auditorium. Show will feature purebreds, randome breeds, kitten sales and raffles. Fee is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and children 12 and under. For more information, call 727-7852.

Saturdays through August, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., the Brevard Zoo holds Summer Saturday Nights. Enjoy the Brevard Zoo after hours and listen to area

entertainers. Admission in regular zoo fee. Call 259-2929, for more information.

The Association of the U.S. Army Sunshine Chapter holds a golf tournament to raise money for scholarships, Aug. 20 at Stoneybrook Golf Club in Orlando. The four-person team scramble is \$65 per person. Individual entrants are welcome and will be teamed up by the tournament committee. For more details visit www.ausa-sunshine.com or call 435-5003.

Orchid show at Cocoa Expo Sports Center Arena Aug. 20-21 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Event features orchid exhibits, plant sales, potting booth, growing information and drawings. Cost is \$3 with free parking.



Catholic

Daily Mass (Mon. - Fri.) at 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 South Patrick Chapel, and 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Seaside Chapel.

Religious education classes: 10:15 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 South Patrick Chapel.

