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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lisa Luse

Honoring Grissom, White and Chaffee

Bill Schroeder, left, U.S. Military Academy classmate of the late astronaut Ed White helps Brad Watt unload one of the granite benches that now face the Apollo 1 launch pad as part of the new memorial honoring the fallen astronauts.

The benches were engraved by Mr. Watt with the names of the three astronauts of Apollo 1 who lost their lives at Complex 34 in 1967.

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Airmen get CDC scores back on track

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

With the help of senior leadership and dedicated trainers and supervisors, Airmen at Patrick Air Force Base have dramatically improved career development course test scores.

The wing had a problem in September with 12 Airmen failing their end-of-course tests, including six second time failures. The situation needed to be addressed.

The issue was brought to the attention of senior leadership by Ms. Beverly Hester, base training manager. Once informed, Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, along with group and squadron commanders, quickly addressed the issue.

"We had to make the base more aware of the problem," said Ms. Hester. "Failing the test twice usually results in the loss of a career."

"CDCs are the educational founda-

tion for our enlisted force development and thus, of primary importance to all commanders and supervisors," said Gen. Pavlovich. "The more an airman understands his or her job and the responsibilities associated with the job - no matter what their career field - the better they support our mission of launch, range, and expeditionary operations."

During the first quarter 11 out of 57, roughly 19 percent, test takers scored a 90 percent or better. According to Ms. Hester, the base usually has only one or two per quarter. Three out of 37 test takers scored 90 percent or better in the second quarter.

Ms. Hester also noted that while along with scores above 90 percent, there were also many who scored in the high 80's.

"I've seen a lot of Airman leave with fear and anxiety on his or her face and come back with a smile and a twinkle in their eye."

Ms. Hester sees a connection

between high scores and productive Airmen.

"When an Airman scores high on his or her CDC test, they are more confident to meet other challenges.

The 45th SW has taken steps to stop bad scores before they can happen by addressing the issue of CDCs during First Term Airman's Center briefings. Speaking to the latest arrivals to Patrick, Gen. Pavlovich promotes the importance of getting off on the right foot.

The additional attention appears to be making a difference. According to Gen. Pavlovich, the goal now is to prevent the problem from happening again.

Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Manson, 45th SW, command chief praised wing supervisors.

"We challenged them to engage in the training process, and through proactive leadership they accomplished the mission."



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich
45th SW commander

This is the "Sunshine State," but dark clouds and lightning strikes are part of life in Central Florida—especially in the summer. Last Friday, we believe lightning struck an electrical pole near our kennels at Patrick and suspect it struck the main crane at SLC 17B at the Cape the day before. Thank goodness, no one was injured by either of these strikes. Unfortunately, however, a young Brevard County mother was killed when she was struck by lightning Sunday.

According to reports, she was boating with family and friends on the Indian River when a thunderstorm rolled in. They sought refuge under a tree on a small island. The victim was holding her 10-year-old son trying to shield him from the elements when she was struck. Her son was injured and remains hospitalized.

Her untimely death serves as a grim reminder of how important lightning safety is. They did the right thing by getting off the water, but seeking shelter under the tree was a tragic mistake. If you are boating and a storm rolls in the first step is to get off the water, then seek shelter indoors in an enclosed building. If you do not have time to get off the water, stay low in the boat and make yourself as small as possible by crouching down. Do not lie down. For more lightning safety tips go to: www.lightning.safety.noaa.gov.

Lightning safety is just one of many areas that we need to be mindful of. I encourage you and your families to make safety a part of everything you do. To that end, our Safety Office is offering safety orientation training to new commanders over the next few weeks. My hope is that the "trickle down" effect will take place and these new commanders will take what they learn back to their units and homes and spread the wealth. However, safety training is available to everyone. It can be tailored to meet your specific needs. If you would like a rep from Safety to train folks in your shop, please call 494-2202.

Everything we do should begin and end with

safety, at work or at home ... real world or exercise. And of course, that was the case with last week's Ocean Breeze Exercise. We got through it safely and worked our way through scenarios that tested our responses to threatening situations. Overall, I would say we did okay during the exercise, but "okay" is simply not good enough. You have established a baseline of "OUTSTANDING" and nothing less is acceptable. Lots of work is needed to get us to the point of being razor sharp. There are a lot of new faces around here since we aced our ORI in 2002, but those of you who were here need to brush complacency aside, take the lead and get our newcomers up to speed ASAP. Showing some hustle and a sense of urgency is the best first response.

Please remember that although we have another ORI coming up, the real reason we have these exercises is to make sure we are ready when and if we have to face these types of threatening scenarios for real. If you take these exercises seriously and apply yourself, you will definitely be ready when it counts. Warfit is a foundation for being ready.

Some folks who are really going to find out the importance of being ready when it counts are the more than 100 of our comrades in arms from Patrick and the Cape who will deploy overseas over the next 90 days - many of them into hostile territory in Iraq and other hot spots. Now is the time for them to work with commanders, first shirts and training managers to ensure they are ready to go. One key element of being deployed is family readiness. Ask anyone who has deployed what the toughest part was and more than likely they will say being separated from their family.

A case in point is Maj. Chris Leavey who just returned to our Legal Office after over 100 days in northern Iraq. He said that although his unit was fired on, the separation from his family was the hardest part of the deployment. He added that separation is even harder when the member isn't sure that he or she did everything possible to see to it that their family was taken care of before deploying. Given the expeditionary nature of our Air Force, it is probable that everyone in uniform will deploy. Make family readiness a priority now. Do not wait until you are sitting in a tent somewhere overseas to start worrying about it.

This was an extremely busy week for us here on the home front. We had several distinguished guests honor us with visits including:


Mr. Douglas Feith, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy; Vice Admiral Kirkland H. Donald, Commander of the Submarine Atlantic Fleet; 21 NATO Parliamentary Staffers; and the Defense Travel System command team. Whew! Thanks to everyone who helped make these visits go well. We also hosted members of the Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee Wednesday night. Kudos to our Services Squadron for providing this esteemed group of business leaders a superb presentation about all the things Services provides for our Airmen and their families.

Also on the Services front, I was happy to present a \$500 check to Richard Avvampato of the 45th Range Management Squadron who won at ATWIND. I hope each of you are playing. Game pieces are available at Services facilities. The more you participate in Services programs, the better your chance of winning. This is a great opportunity to not only win prizes for yourselves, but to also help our wing win big money for quality of life projects, too. For more information on ATWIND call 494-8063.

In our ongoing efforts to provide training that will make the people of this outstanding wing even better, we partnered with Brevard Community College to develop and offer a unique supervisor's training course for military and civilian personnel that will be worth 15 transferable college undergraduate hours. It will focus on 55 leadership competencies such as communication, conflict resolution and dealing with diversity. Graduates of the course will be awarded a state certification as a business specialist. I am truly excited about this. We plan to kick the course off in September. Guidance on the nomination process is coming soon. Hats off to Mr. Bob Fore and Ms. Sheryl McMullen who led our working group on this brilliant initiative. Well done!

Before I close, I would like to welcome the newest members of our team, Col. Samuel Greaves, his wife Patricia and their children Christopher and Stephanie. Col. Greaves is the new commander of our Launch Group. He replaced Col. Mike Baker, who moved to an assignment at the Space and Missiles Systems Center in Los Angeles. We bid a fond farewell to Col. Baker and his wife Mitzi. But, fortunately, his new job will bring him back here often.

We are coming down the stretch of the critical days of summer campaign. Please continue to be careful out there. May God bless and keep you and yours!

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AFTAC gets new commander

By Tech. Sgt. Bill Lindner
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Public Affairs

Col. Guy D. Turner assumed command of the Air Force Technical Applications Center during a Change-of-Command ceremony at the center July 15.

Col. Turner takes over from Col. Craig Bendorf who commanded the center since Dec. 10, 2002. Colonel Bendorf has an assignment with the Secretary of the Air Force at the Pentagon.

Col. Turner previously served as Deputy Chief, Signal Intelligence Support to Information Operations, NSA, at Ft. Meade, Md.

As commander, he will oversee the worldwide mission of operating the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System. The USAEDS is a global network of nuclear event detection sensors that record disturbances underground, underwater, in the atmosphere and in space. The nuclear event detection mission is directly linked to the nuclear treaty monitoring mission, which monitors signatory countries' compliance with several nuclear treaties.

Col. Turner is a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and the Air War College. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1980.

He also earned a master's degree in business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University, N.J. in 1985 and another master's degree at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C. in 2002.

Maj. Gen. Paul Lebras, commander of Air Intelligence Agency, officiated the ceremony. AFTAC is administratively supported by AIA.



Photo by Jim Laviska

Col. Guy Turner, Air Force Technical Applications Center commander returns a salute to the formation of AFTAC military personnel during a change-of-command ceremony July 15. Col. Turner takes over command from Col. Craig Bendorf who commanded the center since December 2002. Col. Turner previously served as deputy chief, SIGINT support to Information Operations NSA, at Ft. Meade, Md. As commander, he will oversee the worldwide mission of operating the U.S. Atomic Energy detection system, monitoring other countries compliance with several nuclear treaties.

Commander Q&A : Capt. Jeffrey Gernand Naval Ordnance Testing Unit



Q What is the mission of NOTU?

A. NOTU exists to support TRIDENT II (D-5) submarine launched missile test operations that are conducted at Cape Canaveral on the Eastern Range. NOTU also provides significant deployed systems engineering and other support for the Navy's Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine program.

Q. What is the relationship between NOTU and the 45th SW?

A. NOTU is a tenant command at CCAFS and is a range user. The range infrastructure and the 45th Space Wing professionals enable the Navy to conduct test launches on

the East Coast safely and effectively. Navy launches account for about 47% of all launches conducted at Cape Canaveral since 1977.

Q. How does NOTU play a role in current military affairs?

A. The Atlantic Fleet Submarine Force operates and maintains combat ready nuclear-powered strategic deterrent and attack submarines. Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines carry the highly accurate Trident II missile and operate in international waters, ensuring our nation's strategic security. NOTU provides support for many of these mission areas.

New military license plates for all branches

By Tech Sgt. Lisa Lusé
45th SW Public Affairs

Just when you thought the State of Florida had designed a specialty license plate for any group you could think of; four more designs have been added to the list. Until recently, the U.S. Marines were the only U.S. Armed Forces honored to have a State of Florida specialty license plate.

Now, it's possible for everyone to "salute" our veterans and service-members with license plates for the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and the Coast Guard. Most importantly, you don't have to be a military member or veteran to participate in this patriotic gesture and pay tribute to our veterans.

"I think that the service tags are going to sell better than the generic "Salute Veterans tags," said Glenn McGuffie, Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs Manager of the Brevard Services team, at County Government Center in Viera.

"The tags will allow someone who has a certain service that is near and dear to their heart to say, 'I was in the Air Force or Army or I know of someone who is and I'm proud to show it.'"

These license plates which are being sold at \$17, are less expensive than many of the other Florida specialty tags.

When residents purchase the specialty license plate, the money helps

the veterans who need it most. Revenue from the tags go to support funding for the Veterans' homes in Florida. A total of \$15 will be contributed to the trust fund for this purpose.

"This is a win-win situation that puts money into State Veteran's Nursing Trust Fund for the five State Veteran's nursing homes in Florida," said Mr. McGuffie. The General Fund allocates to a certain nursing home, as each one needs it. Any one of the homes may need more or less at any point in time."

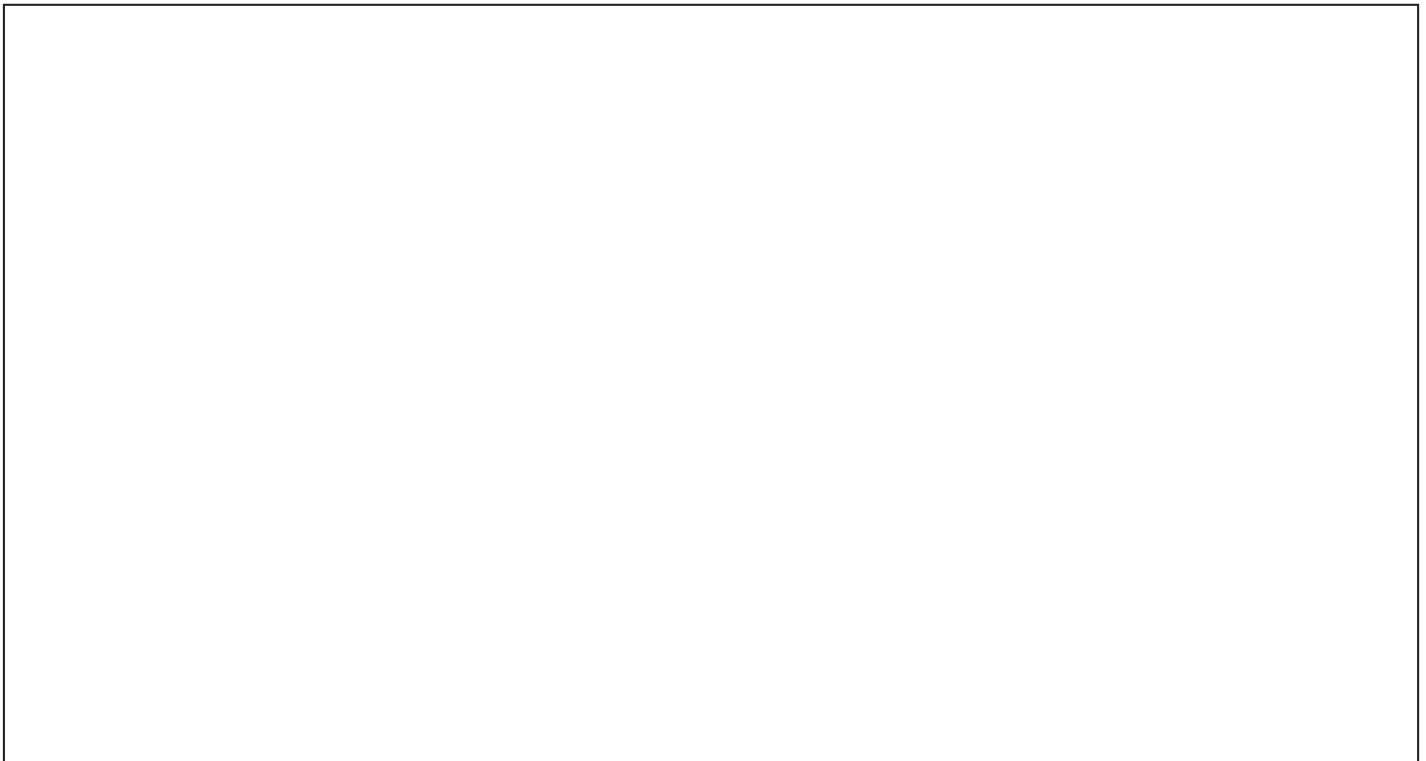
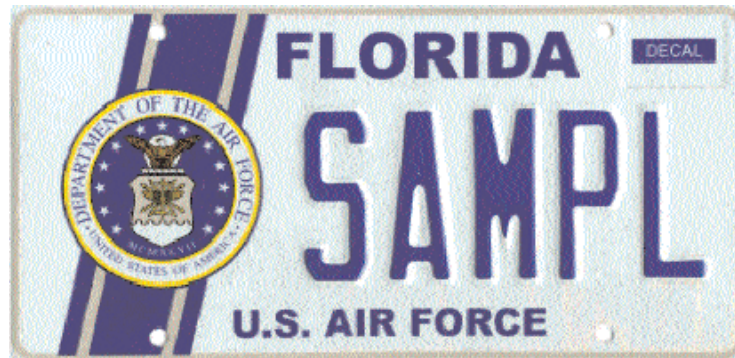
It is possible at some point during their lives many Floridians may need a nursing home.

If or when that happens, the family members could be the ones who have to use their savings to provide for the additional expenses. One of the largest expenses for the State of Florida is the cost of Medicaid.

With the new plates, everyone can show support for Florida's veterans.

"When a Florida veteran needs that level of care, the more money in the trust fund, the better," said Mr. McGuffie. "It's a good thing, go get a tag."

To find out more about how to buy your Military specialty license plate, call or visit your local auto tag agency. Or call the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs at (727) 518-3202, ext. 508.



FICA refund may benefit Reservists, guardsmen

By Army Sgt. 1st Class

Doug Sample

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — An interpretation of a government rule may mean that mobilized National Guardsmen, reservists and their employers may get a refund on some taxes paid to the federal government.

While researching tax rules for deployed National Guardsmen and reservists, retired Army Reserve Lt. Col. Frank Scattene, a certified public accountant, stumbled upon an interesting fact.

A tax law cited on an Internal Revenue Service Web site states Guard and Reserve servicemembers are exempt from paying taxes on "supplemental income" used by employers. The taxes are used to pay into programs such as Medicare and Social Security under the Federal Insurance Contribution Act and Federal Unemployment Tax Act.

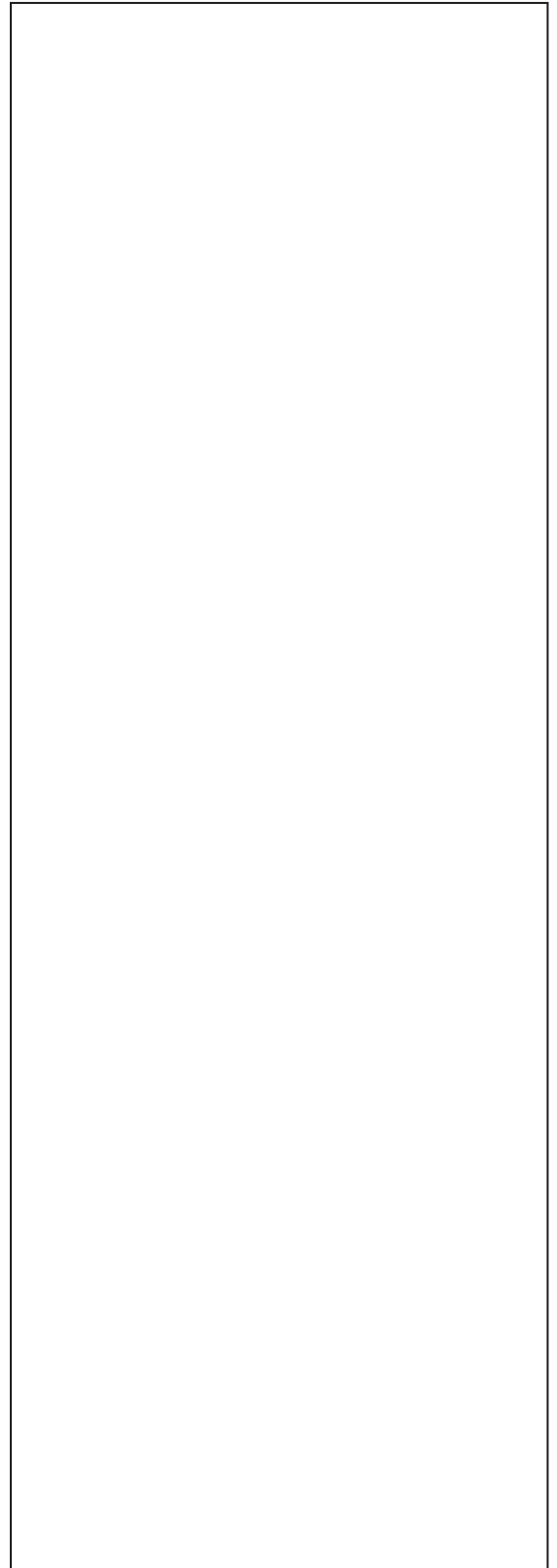
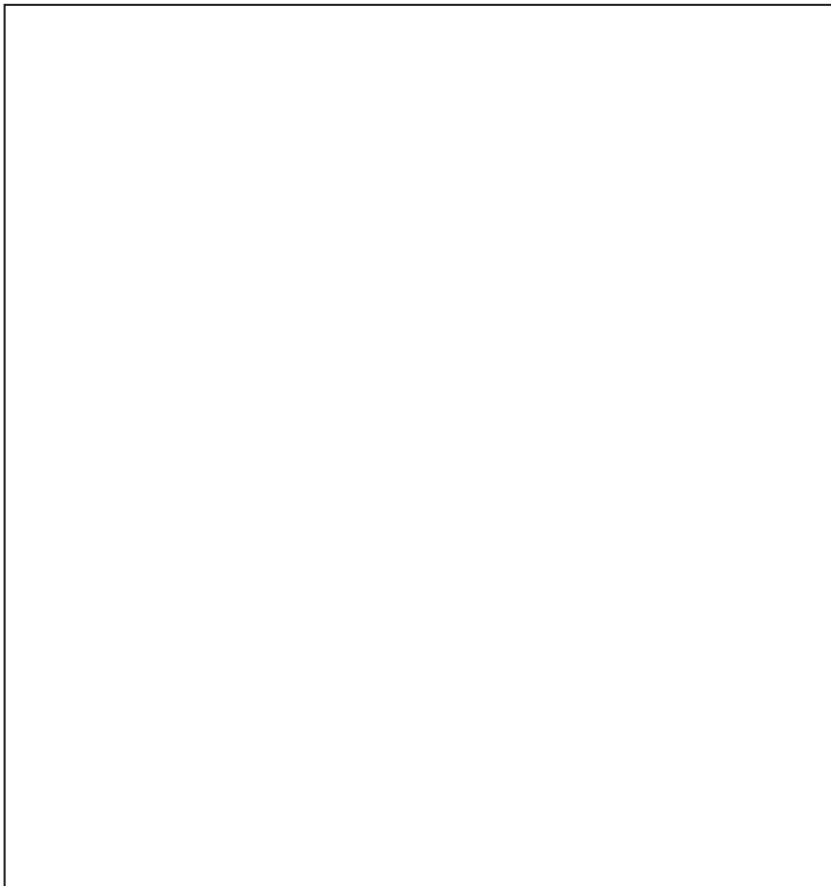
The IRS does not consider the supplemental wages as taxable income because they are not paid for services rendered to the civilian employer, Col. Scattene said.

"The reservists didn't know the rule; neither did the employers," he said.

Although supplemental wages are not subject to FICA taxes, the payments still are income to the guardsmen and reservists and are subject to income tax, he said.

Guardsmen and reservists who had FICA taxes erroneously withheld while on extended active duty should request reimbursement from their employer, said Wayne Spruell. He is the principal director for manpower and personnel for the assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs.

"Individuals who had an employer erroneously withhold the FICA tax cannot receive it back by amending (his or her) tax return," he said.



Privatization helping DOD meet housing goal

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – With funding levels making it increasingly difficult to maintain acceptable housing conditions at many military installations, Defense Department officials in the mid-1990s turned management and maintenance of some 200,000 “below standard” quarters over to private firms.

“We knew that we would never be able to budget enough money to be able fix all of that housing in any short time frame,” said Joseph K. Sikes, DOD’s director of housing and competitive sourcing. “We originally estimated it would take about 20 years, based on the amount of money we were budgeting for housing back in the middle ‘90s.”

Today, Mr. Sikes appears much more optimistic. He said DOD’s plan for privatizing government housing has meant that 95 percent of the department’s inadequate housing will be fixed by 2007.

Mr. Sikes said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld identified military housing as a top priority for the department, and President

Bush made housing privatization a key component of his management initiative.

He said that already some 60,000 inadequate housing units have been eliminated at military installations from Fort Hood, Texas, to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. By the end of fiscal 2005, the department will have privatized about 136,000 housing units, he said.

Mr. Sikes said the move to turn the management and maintenance of government housing over to private firms went slowly at first.

“It was a big cultural change for commanders on bases – as well as the private sector – to actually own and maintain these houses on bases,” he said. “Everyone sort of stood back and waited to see the first project.”

The first privatization projects were at Fort Carson, Colo., and Lackland AFB, Texas. He said both projects proved to be successful, and soon commanders realized the program was a way to get housing fixed sooner.

“After 1999, the projects really started coming in at a higher pace,” he said. “And what we’re seeing now is a result of that increase.”

Mr. Sikes said that more than 70 percent of base housing is now privatized, and he expects that number to rise.

Patrick Air Force Base closed its privatization deal on Oct. 1, 2003. The base will add 545 new units in Pelican Coast. According to 2nd Lt. Ted Schommer, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron project manager, the first five prototype house are currently under construction.

“The foundations have been poured and the walls are going up,” he said.

The land set aside for phase one, which will provide 150 new units, is cleared and ready for construction, Lt. Schommer added.

“After 2007, more and more bases will determine it’s easier not to take care of the houses yourself,” he said. “It’s better to have a private developer maintaining it and operating it, and so I think we’ll see even more projects become privatized.”

So far 32 projects have been awarded and \$581 million invested in the program, Mr. Sikes said. Meanwhile, private firms have invested some \$6.5 billion to improve living conditions and housing for servicemembers and their families.



MILESTONES

First-term Airman's Center Graduates

Airmen 1st Class

Harmony Allen, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron
 Jessica Chavarria, 45th Space Communications Squadron
 Stephen Wilson, Air Force Technical Applications Center
 Kelly Bein, 45th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

Airmen Basic

Joshua Cassaro, 45th SCS
 Arlen Lawson, Jr., 45th Operations Support Squadron

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 morning will receive a prize from the 45th 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.

July 23 questions

- 1) What is the minimum distance that shall remain clear around fire hydrants?
- 2) What is the minimum distance that shall remain clear around circuit breaker panels?
- 3) What shall be done with extension cords at the end of the duty day?
- 4) A functional test shall be conducted on every required emergency lighting system at 30-day intervals for not less than how many seconds?
- 5) At what intervals shall smoke detectors be tested in Military Family Housing Units?

Hint: Answers can be found in the base fire prevention instruction!

Answers to July 16 questions

- 1) Rider does not have proper eye protection.
- 2) Rider does not have appropriate long sleeve shirt/jacket.
- 3) Rider does not have full-fingered gloves.
- 4) Rider does not have brightly colored outer upper garment.
- 5) Rider has improper foot ware.

July 16 winner is Mr. Jeff Search from SLRSC/ITT.

Monuments honor Apollo 1 astronauts

By Tech. Sgt. Lisa Lusé
45th SW Public Affairs

Classmates Bill Schroeder, Bob Harris and Jerry Neighbor who graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at Westpoint in 1952 with astronaut Ed White, of Apollo 1, paid tribute to the three fallen astronauts by placing monuments for each one at Complex 34 Tuesday.

The Apollo 1 mission took the lives of astronauts Ed White, Gus Grissom and Roger Chaffee January 27, 1967.

On a day that America was noting the 35th anniversary of the first moon landing in 1969, Bill Schroeder, classmate of Ed White, coordinated the transportation of the monuments to Complex 34 where he met with Brig. Gen. Greg

Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander.

"We are doing this today to commemorate the loss of three fine astronauts," said Gen. Pavlovich. "They were great American heroes."

The names of each astronaut are engraved on granite benches that face the site of the launch pad where they lost their lives.

In addition, the Air Force symbol is engraved on top of the benches for astronauts Lt. Cols. Grissom and White. The Navy symbol is engraved on top of the bench for Lt. Cmdr. Chaffee.

The benches are placed to the south of the launch pad that allows a perfect view of the area. They represent a time to reflect on the event.

“ We are doing this today to commemorate the loss of three fine astronauts. **”**

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

"These astronauts showed the willingness to face danger for the betterment of all mankind," said Gen. Pavlovich. "It's a way we remember our own history. We also pay tribute to the families who undertook this hardship."

"It was a labor of love," said Schroeder. "I was very close to Ed White."



SHARK OF THE WEEK

Beverly Hester
45th Mission Support Squadron
Base Training Manager

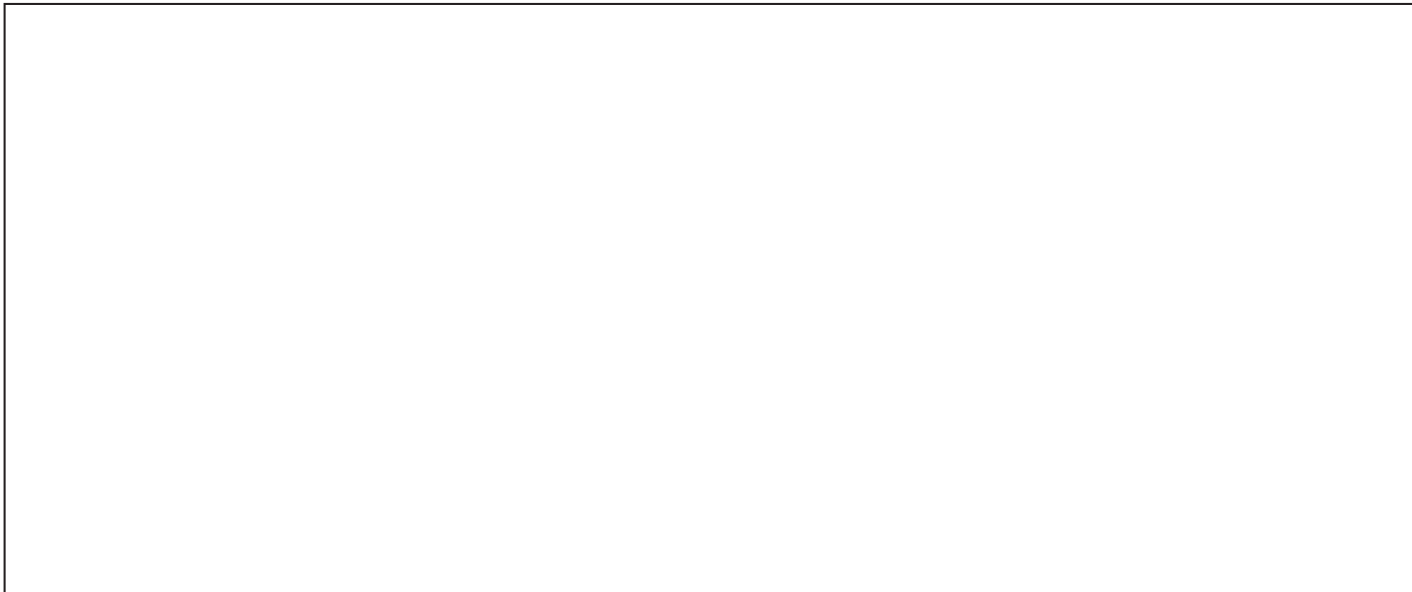
Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

How long at this duty station: 16 years

Words to live by: Treat others as you would like to be treated. With God's help, all things are possible. With training, if it's not documented, it's not trained.

Exceeded the standard: Ms. Hester flawlessly managed the base OJT program. Patrick's CDC pass rate was an unprecedented 98.2 percent for the first quarter and 97 percent for the second quarter. Both quarters only had one first time failure and zero second time failures. During the first quarter, 11 individuals scored 90 percent or better on their end-of-course exams.

Inspiration to exceed the standard: Each day should be greeted with enthusiasm and a willingness to do the best job possible.



BRIEFS

Assessments available

Environmental assessments of 45th Space Wing assets and are offered for public review and comment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy. The Draft Environmental Assessment and the Draft Finding of No Significant Impact address potential impacts to air quality, airspace, biological resources, cultural resources, geology, etc., and are available for review until Aug. 9. Copies of the DEA and DFONSI are accessible through the 45th SW Public Affairs Office at 494-5933.

Comments about or for more information on the DEA or DFONSI should be directed to Wesley Westphal at 494-9386.

Gate traffic shift

Traffic through the main gate to Patrick Air Force Base is being altered for several weeks. Outbound traffic will once again flow from O'Malley Road, rather than Jupiter Road. Be prepared to slow or stop, and be cautious of the construction workers. For more information, call John Byrnes at 494-9228.

Finance closed

The finance office will close Friday at 11:30 a.m. for an official function. Customer service will resume normal hours July 26 at 8 a.m. For emergencies page 690-7748. Call Tech. Sgt. Thomas Karrick at 494-4882 for more information.

Learn something new

The Family Support Center offers the following classes: Life insurance class - Friday, noon - 1 p.m.; Company Grade Officer Financial Class - Tuesday, 12:30-4 p.m.; Job Fair at the NCO Club - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Info Fair at the BX - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Free popcorn at the FSC - Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 494-5675 for more information or to register. All classes are at the FSC, Bldg. 722 unless otherwise noted.

Get a job

The Family Support Center sponsors a Job Expo Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the NCO Club. Approximately 20 companies will there to accept resumes and speak to job applicants about their company. Expect to fill out applications. For more information, call 494-5675.

Red Cross moves

The Patrick AFB Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services office is moving July 29 from the FSC to the BX Shoppette, Bldg. 415. The new office is located near the Travel Management Office. Hours of service will remain the same, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Normal operations will resume July 30. For more information, call 494-2402.

Honoring Veterans

The Space Coast Junior Enlisted Advisory Council is hosting a visit to the Veteran's Administration hospital in West Palm Beach. Wednesday the SCJEAC will take personnel to the VA to visit with residents and take a tour of the hospital. The first 20 junior enlisted (E1-E6) personnel to sign up will have transportation provided. Uniform will be blues with ribbons. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Sean Ryan at 494-2565 no later than Monday.

Meeting time changed

The Air Force Sergeants Association meeting time has been changed to 5 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month vice 7 p.m. The AFSA auxiliary will continue to meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month.

Commissary hours change

The Commissary has new hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Women's bible study begins

The chapel begins a women's 10-week Kay Arthur bible study that will teach participants that God's grace is sufficient. "Lord I Need Grace to Make It" meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. To register, or for more information, call Juanita Zavala at 777-6077.

Check mandatory lists

Housing residents should be aware of the wing's checklists for hurricane preparation and evacuation. When HURCON conditions are implemented by the wing commander, housing residents are required to follow the checklists contained in the Patrick AFB Survival Handbook given to residents when they move in. A copy of the current handbook may be obtained at the housing office, Bldg. 1060. Call 494-4032 for more information.

Providers must be licensed

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. Anyone found providing unlicensed childcare is subject to administrative actions. For additional clarification, contact Tina Washington at 494-8381 or cell number at 431-4581.

Join the Reserve

Have the best of both worlds by going into the Air Force Reserve. The part-time job provides retirement, insurance and flexibility. Call Master Sgt. Scott Soucie at 494-1962 for more information.

FEATURES

Bikers breed safety, build confidence

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Kreft
45 SW Public Affairs

Good ideas grow into great programs when the right people and the right perspectives are involved. In the case of motorcycle safety training, one local group has grown from a social gathering into an effective safety action force for all types of bike riders.

And the result is safer roads and rides for motorcyclists and car drivers alike.

The Patrick Pack began gathering approximately one year ago on the weekends to enjoy afternoons of riding with other bike enthusiasts. Bikers from the 45th Space Wing who shared a mutual feeling of excitement and relaxation from time spent on the open road decided to join together to take rides up and down the Space Coast, in order to have safety in numbers.

"Essentially we began as just a group who wanted to get together to ride and have fun, with safety in mind," said Master Sgt. Danny Hicks. "A few months ago the Air Force got involved and asked if we wanted to take part in the experimental mentorship program that the chief initiated."

It was then the biker bunch made the shift into a serious training tool.

In his February sight picture General John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, stressed that motorcycle safety had to be a priority in every command. He asked wings throughout the force to initiate safety programs specifically organized for motorcycle riders.

"My vision is for a mentoring program that will provide motorcycle operators the opportunity to work together to maximize their skills, reduce their chances for mishaps, and have fun in the process," said Gen. Jumper. "The formula is simple: fundamental knowledge in the form of street strategies and well-honed skills coupled with the most critical element - a responsible riding mindset."

With the Patrick Pack already in place, the 45th SW had a head start on this safety proposal.

"(Brig.) General Pavlovich approached our association and asked if we wanted to be the lead for the wing's safety training for this new mentorship program," said Rick Mosby, director of the Patrick Pack. "Because as experienced riders we all understood the positive impact this program could produce, we eagerly agreed."

Numbers of attendees have grown each meeting, with news of the fun atmosphere and beneficial training spreading throughout the base populace.

"At the first meeting we had about 18 riders and at the last session we had about 25," said Mr. Mosby. "We are extremely pleased with the results, and we fully expect our numbers to keep growing. Both the new riders and experienced ones have all enjoyed this new program, and they are all learning from each other."

Johnnie Rivera, Officers' Club manager, is an avid motorcycle rider and has been meeting with the Patrick Pack for several months. "I've had eight different bikes, from Hondas to Harleys, and I've been riding for over 30 years," he said. "At first I was a little hesitant to attend the meetings because the thought of riding in a group of people with different skill levels made me uneasy."

But once I attended the first meeting and saw that they really did make safety training part of each meeting and each ride, it made me want to participate.

"Once you start to attend the meetings, you realize that even experienced riders learn from newbies," said Mr. Rivera. "It makes you more attentive to the road and your surroundings, because you want to make sure they are being safe and you are setting the right pace."

Currently attendance in the program is voluntary, but the first meeting of the motorcycle mentorship group was mandatory in order to ensure each licensed bike rider on base knows the program is available to them.

"The experienced riders watch out for the new riders, and it allows for everyone to learn in a much safer environment," said Judy Nicholson, 45th Space Wing START coordinator and new motorcycle owner. "Now if I could just get some of the guys to volunteer to help me change my oil, I'd be set."

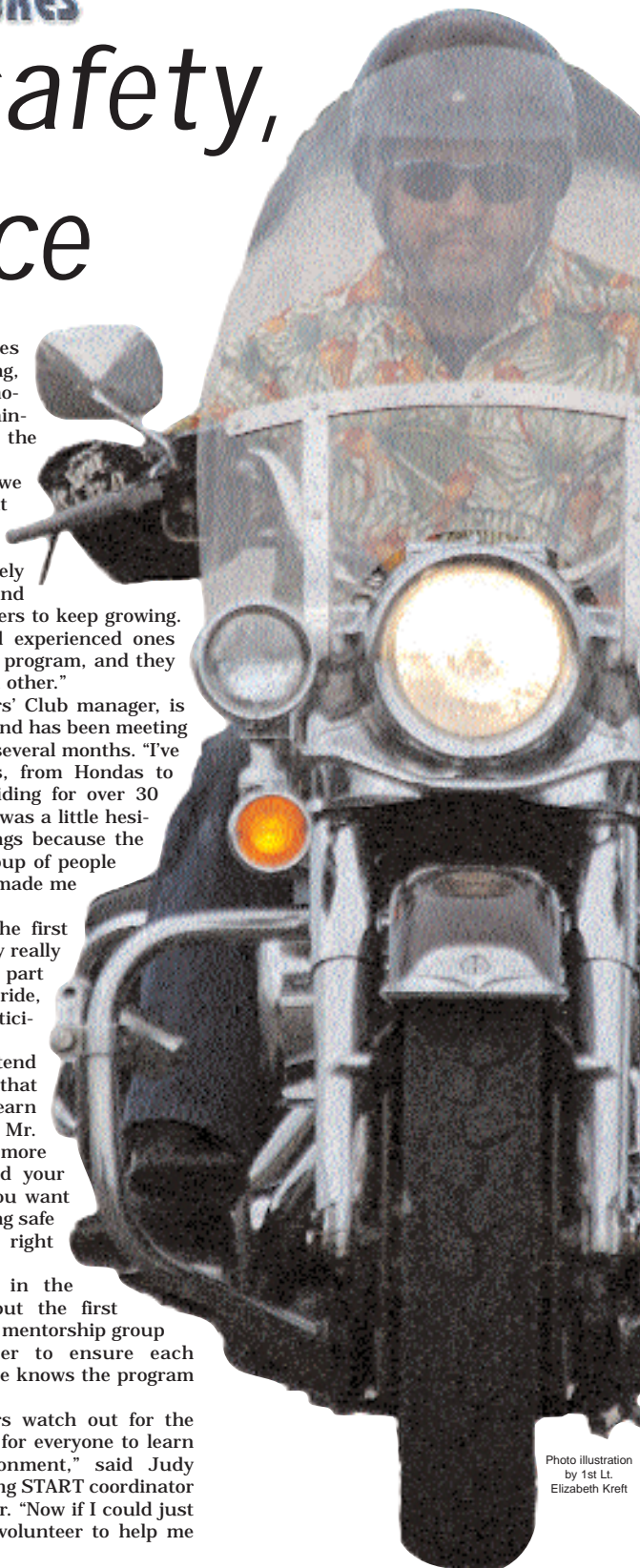


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Golf's next star could be in Patrick's back yard

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

Listening closely, over the sounds of birds chirping and the occasional "fore," children's voices can be heard at Manatee Cove Golf Course, as the junior golf program at Patrick Air Force Base breeds the country next generation of golfers.

The six-week junior golf program, in its ninth year, teaches youth the important basics of the golf swing along with the rules and etiquette that come with game.

"Our goal is to inspire and educate children about golf, teaching them to enjoy the game," said Gloria Uzee, operations assistant at Manatee Cove.

The program separates the children into two divisions - the first with children ages 7-11 and the second for children ages 12-17.

Ms. Uzee, who works primarily with the younger age group, has her hands full keeping the children occupied and interested while instilling the basics of golf.

"It's important the children learn how to swing correctly first," said Ms. Uzee, as a group of four youth lob golf balls onto a putting surface. "This year we've focused more on putting and short-irons, which are probably the most important shots on the course."

After hitting balls in every direction possible, the children are quick to the task of collecting them, and setting up for the next drill - putting. Ms. Uzee explains putting etiquette - when to pull the flag out of the hole and when not to and which side to stand on when tending the flag. The children listen intently.

"The hardest part of the program is that we only have one hour to teach and try to get the kids to retain the information," she said. "Sometimes it seems like they have more fun fixing divots on the greens."

All the skills the children learn will be put to good use when they take their game to the course for a tournament during their last week of camp.

"For a long time, we never took the younger kids out on the course," said Ms. Uzee. "We used to restrict lessons to the driving range, but the kids would always ask when they'd get a chance to really play. It's a blast to see the looks on their faces when they see they their skills on the course."

The older students receive more one-on-one instruction. Many of the students have been participating in the programs for a couple years and are trying to take his or her game to a new level.

"We want to get them out on the course," explains Ms. Uzee. "Out there we can teach them more rules and etiquette they can apply while playing."

By teaching the game to children at an early age, Ms. Uzee hopes the children will continue play and enjoy the sport.

According to Ms. Uzee, the children are the future of golf.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

Brad Ellis, 7, watches as his ball comes close to dropping in the hole during a Junior Golf program putting class. The six-week program teaches youth the basic fundamentals of golf along with rules and etiquette. The students will show off their new skills during tournament next week.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth soccer coaches needed

Youth Programs is recruiting volunteer adult coaches for its upcoming 2004 fall soccer program slated to begin in August. Coaching volunteers are required to fill out an application at the Youth Center and provide any documentation of trainings, such as CPR and first aid. For additional information, contact the sports director at 494-3770.

Sports physicals required for youth athletes

In accordance with Air Force Youth Programs AFI 34-249, all chil-

dren enrolled in youth sports programs are required to have a physical on file at the Patrick Youth Center, prior to any involvement in practices or games. Physicals are kept on file for a period of one year from the date of the exam. For additional information, contact the sports director at 494-3770.

Varsity basketball tryouts

The Patrick Air Force Base will hold varsity basketball tryouts Wednesday at the Patrick AFB Fitness Center. All are welcome to try-out for the team. For more information contact Ralph Robinson at 494-3187.

Softball team wins military world series

By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

45th SW Public Affairs

Combining great hitting and strong defense, the Patrick Air Force Base Varsity Softball Team took first place in their division at the recent National Softball Association Military World Series.

The team, led by a tournament most valuable player, Scott Harris, and defensive MVP Dan Bowen, won all four games they played in.

A number of Patrick players were named to the All-tournament team; Scott Powers, Will Mitchell, John Howorth and Josh Williams.

The first night of the tournament consisted of three special competitions, a homerun derby, base running competition and a relay throwing competition. Chris Daniels placed third in the base running contest, bringing Patrick their first taste of success.

With the strong offense and stingy defense the team defeated Aberdeen Proving Ground 17-9 in the first round. The team flattened the Pensacola Naval Air Station team 23-13 in the second round. They put away their Air Force counterparts from MacDill AFB 19-16. In the championship game, a rematch with Pensacola NAS, the team was victorious 17-12.

According to Mr. Bowen, the team played solid defense and didn't commit many mistakes – a main reason, the team was so successful.

Mr. Bowen's individual skills, diving for ground balls and sacrificing his body, brought him the defensive MVP award.

"I made four or five plays against McDill AFB in the semi-finals that I believe stood out," he said. On one such play, Mr. Bowen described diving for a ground ball down the third base line and throwing out the runner at first base.

Although Mr. Bowen stood out on defense, he said the team played together and was dedicated to bringing home a trophy to Patrick.

The offense played a large role in the team's success as well. Three members of the team, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Harris and Mr. Powers all finished with .800 batting averages, while the rest of the team put up an impressive .600 average.



Events

The 14th annual Indialantic Art Festival is Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Nance Park off State Road A1A in Indialantic. The event will feature works by more than 100 crafters with wood-working, jewelry, clothing, furniture, pottery and more. For more information, contact 472-3755.

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 Brevard Museum of Art and Science offers special classes in six-day courses for kids in pottery, painting and drawing, sculpture cartooning. Morning and all-day camps are available and include art and science components. The museum also offers pre-camp for kids 3-5 years old from 10 a.m. - noon Tuesday - Thursday and offers the same themes as the regular summer camps. Special rates and tours are available for groups of 10 or more. For more information on the remaining camps and class sign-up, contact the museum school at 254-7782.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 42 offers a boating safety program Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The program will teach Federal and state boating requirements in reference Homeland Security and for the

individual boater. Attendees will earn Florida State Boater Education identification cards. Cost is \$35 per participant, which includes all materials and a lunch. Free boat inspections will also be available. Call 254-0540 for reservations or for more information.

Exhibits

The Melbourne International Airport presents Tina Powers Art Exhibit "Myths and Mysteries of the Sea." Powers' exhibit in the airport is an example of two-dimensional mixed media and her love of the sea, it's myths and mysteries. The display will be available through Sept. 9 in the concourse level of the airport. For directions or for more information, contact Lynne Brezina at 690-6817.

Theater

Riverside Theater in Vero Beach presents "Mixed Nuts," a story of an aspiring writer who moves to New York City, and encounters the wacky residents living in his apartment building. Tickets are \$8. For more information, call 445-6145.

The Henegar Center for the Arts announces the production of two classic Broadway comedies, *The Odd Couple* and *The Odd Couple Female Version*. The comedies play in rotation from Aug. 6-22, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for students and seniors. For more information visit the center's Web site at www.henegar.org.

MOVIES

Friday *Garfield* Garfield's owner takes in sweet but dimwitted pooch Odie, turning Garfield's world awry. Garfield wants Odie out of his home & life, but when the pup is kidnapped by a dog trainer, Garfield springs into action. Stars Breckin Meyer and Jennifer Love Hewitt. Rated PG for brief mild language. 85 min.

Saturday *The Terminal* An immigrant is forced to live at an airport when his former war-torn country's borders are erased, voiding his passport and leaving him with no political home. Starring Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Rated PG-13 for brief language and drug

references. 121 min.

Sunday *Garfield* See Friday's synopsis.

Thursday *Around the World in 80 Days* A Chinese thief steals a valuable jade Buddha and then seeks refuge in the traveling companionship of an eccentric inventor, Fogg, who takes on a bet that he can make it around the world in 80 days. Stars Steve Coogan and Jackie Chan. Rated PG for action violence, some crude humor and language. 120 min.

Movie times are 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Adults and children 12 and older pay \$2.50; children 6-11 pay \$1.50.

CHAPEL

Catholic

Daily Mass (Tues. - Fri.) at 11:30 a.m. in the Library while Seaside Chapel is being renovated. **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 Theater.

Religious classes: 10:15 a.m. at 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 Theater while Seaside Chapel is being renovated. 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.

The Calendar

July 28

▲ Outdoor Recreation offers lobster dive trips July 28- 29. two-tank dives scheduled each day. Limited slots are available. Whether you're an experienced lobster hunter or new to the sport, this is a good trip for all. Register at Outdoor Recreation or call 494-2042 for additional information.

July 30

▲ Outdoor Recreation offers Intro to Kayaking and Canoeing. The class, which costs \$5, will be held July 30 from 3-5 p.m. Space is limited, call now to reserve a spot. 494-2042

August 2

▲ Youth Programs will be sponsoring a Major League Soccer Camp during the week of Aug. 2-6 with a limit of 55 slots available for registration.

There will be 30 slots available for ages 4-7 and 25 slots available for ages 8-11. Registrations are accepted from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and are open to family members ages 4-11 of active-duty, retired military, DOD personnel, NAF employees and DOD contractors. The camp will be held daily at Adam's Field beside the Youth Center. For additional information, please contact the Youth Center at 494-4747 or 494-3770.

August 2

▲ Register your child for a fun-filled night of activities, crafts and movies. Children in grades K-6 are eligible to attend this Youth Center event Aug. 13 from 6-11 p.m. A light supper will be provided. Registration begins Aug. 2 and costs \$10 per child.

August 6

▲ Join our end of summer bash featuring music, a cookout and lots of fun and entertainment. Local Youth Program coordinators, Boys and Girls Club of America and 4-H Club professionals and members will be on hand Aug. 6 from 5-7 p.m. for families; 8-11 p.m. for teens.

August 7

▲ Outdoor Recreation is offering an Historic Cape Canaveral Bus Trip Aug. 7 at 9:30 a.m. Visit historical sites including early launch pads and the Cape Lighthouse. Cost is \$5 per person. Call 494-2042.

▲ Mystery Dinner Show Aug. 14. Price includes round-trip bus transportation from Patrick and admission to the show. Call the ITT office at 494-5158 for reservations. Seats are limited. Adults \$45. Children ages 3 - 11, \$33.

Clubs teach service, leadership to youth

By Theresa Amlong
45th Services Squadron

In two weeks, the school year will be in full swing. After the bell rings, 100 kids will pour into the Patrick Air Force Base Youth Center. It's also the time of day when things begin to get exciting for Darleena Jones. As the Youth Program Keystone Club advisor, her job is to provide youth with the opportunity to participate in a career/volunteer development program consisting of leadership and service activities.

The Keystone Club is just one of the many Boys & Girls Club of America (BGCA) and 4-H Club after-school programs offered at the Youth Center. "Our Boys & Girls Club of America program was set in motion six years ago and in August it will have been one year for 4-H," says Lynn Phillips, Program Director for Youth Programs. "Both are youth development organizations and many of their programs are very similar.

The clubs offer character, leadership, life skills, health, fitness, career and education development as it relates to community, home and school. The activities consist of many community service projects that promote good citizenship and leadership."

Fifteen-year-old Chrissy Johnsen finds satisfaction in the Keystone Club activities. "Today we are trying to help others by having a can drive for a shelter," says Chrissy, explaining that when people go on summer vacation, food banks get low as no one is donating. "We talk about our plan, talk about making posters and flyers and get the

School Age Child Care kids involved so more food will be collected for the shelter," says Chrissy.

"The club members manage the entire project," says Ms. Jones. "They prepare the marketing, make posters to advertise, decorate drop boxes — everything from planning to execution."

The Youth Center offers approximately 20 BGCA and 4-H programs for kids from age six to 18 including Power Hour Homework and Tutoring, Photography, Sewing, and Gardening. 'Smart' programs teach kids to make good life choices about health and their bodies. "Young kids may learn the importance of personal hygiene," explains Phillips. "While older ones learn about making positive choices concerning their relationship with the opposite sex and the pitfalls of recreational drug uses or drug abuse."



Photo by Theresa Amlong

Chrissy Johnsen, right, discusses a community service project with fellow Keystone Club members, from left, Katrina Guerra, Nikki McShane and Keystone advisor Darleena Jones.

One of the newest clubs offered is called Aerospace and Astronomy. "NASA sends out quarterly updates and materials for youth on space exploration," says Ms. Phillips. "Participants learn through hands-on activities. We hope the end result is that youth develop an interest in space technology and exploration and perhaps pursue that as their career."

"We offer quality programs and receive excellent support through the Air Force. This enables us to do so much more with our clubs. All of our staff are very professional and well trained.

We are so fortunate to have this 27,000 square foot building and our own buses," says Ms. Phillips. "This makes much easier to do community service, visit educational sites and conduct programs."

According to the www.bgca.org website, BGCA programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. Boys & Girls Clubs of America has a lineup of tested and proven nationally recognized programs that address today's most pressing youth issues, teaching young people the skills they need to succeed in life.

"I've learned that Keystone is a good extra curricular activity," says Chrissy. "It looks good on applications for college, teaches us to be better leaders, and introduces us to new things."

ACTION LINE

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**Brig. Gen.
Greg Pavlovich
45th SW
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RIVERSIDE DINING

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

Saturday Supper -**Fish almandine**, pork chops w/mushroom gravy, stir fry chicken w/broccoli

Sunday Brunch-Chicken parmesan, sauerbraten, tuna and noodles

Sunday Supper-Fried shrimp, **ginger BBQ chicken**, **spinach lasagna**

Monday Lunch-**Baked chicken**, simmered knockwurst, Swiss steak with tomato sauce

Monday Dinner-Roast turkey, baked ham, fish and fries

Tuesday Lunch -Grilled Salisbury steak, onion-lemon baked fish, yakisoba

Tuesday Dinner -BBQ beef cubes, **paprika beef**, pork chop suey

Wednesday Lunch-Pork schnitzel, sauerbraten, Reuben sandwich, bratwurst

Wednesday Dinner-Country style steak, fried chicken, **pita pizzas**

Thursday Lunch -Liver with onions, orange-spiced pork chops, tempura fried fish

Thursday Dinner-Pepper steak, **Mr. Z's finger lickin chicken**, ginger pot roast

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

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

Menu's are subject to change. **Items bolded are healthy choice meals.** For more information, please call dial-a-menu 494-2845.

