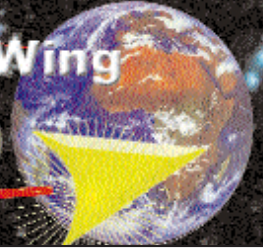


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The Titan IVB rocket lifted off Tuesday at 9:43 a.m. from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. It carried a MILSTAR satellite that will provide military forces with a secure communications link. (Photo by Carleton Bailie, courtesy of Aviation Week and Space Technology)

## Launch provides warfighter support

A MILSTAR military communications satellite was successfully launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Tuesday aboard a Titan IV-B rocket. The rocket launched at 9:43 a.m., and at 4:17 p.m., the MILSTAR cleanly separated from its Centaur upper stage booster and was placed into its proper orbit.

MILSTAR is a joint service satellite communications system that provides secure, jam resistant, worldwide communications to meet essential wartime requirements for high priority military users. The five-satellite constellation links command authorities with a wide variety of resources, including ships, submarines, aircraft and ground stations.

MILSTAR is the most advanced military communications satellite system to date and represents the future of the U.S. communications capability. Allied warfighters in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom are heavily reliant on the MILSTAR constellation. It played a key role in the command and control of forces involved in the recent rescue of former Prisoner of War Army Private First Class Jessica Lynch. The satellite launched today should be fully operational in May.

"This satellite system is a critical communication asset for each branch of the military," said Lt. Col. Tony Cotton, 3rd Space Launch Squadron commander and Air Force Launch Director for this mission. "It allows our highest level military leaders to communicate with battlefield commanders. Our secure communication capabilities on and off the battlefield are greatly improved with the use of this satellite constellation. I am proud to be part of the team that put the final critical satellite of this outstanding constellation into space."

## 920th RQW rescues troops in war

By Lt. Col. K.E. Warren  
920TH RESCUE WING

Deployed members of Patrick Air Force Base's 920th Rescue Wing have saved the lives of at least nine American troops so far during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

According to Col. Tim Tarchick, 920th RQW commander, members of the wing have been involved in four combat search and rescue missions in

Iraq - maybe more.

"We've been at the tip of the spear on missions involving the extractions of two groups of Marines, an Air Force A-10 pilot and two U.S. Army special operations soldiers. It's likely our HC-130 and HH-60 crews have been involved in more saves, but the official word hasn't filtered to us over here yet," said Col. Tarchick.

The operations involving saving the

Marines happened about two weeks ago when two groups — a total of seven people — got pinned down behind enemy lines. Col. Tarchick said they were lengthy, complicated and dangerous missions. "I talked to one of our pilots afterwards. He was tired, but full of pride and happy that they got those Marines out. His adrenaline was

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*Outstanding is just the START!*



*Straight from the*  
**COMMANDER'S**  
**DESK** 

By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich  
 45TH SW COMMANDER

Good morning friends! I don't know about you, but I've never been prouder to put on my uniform and go to work every morning. I believe, even more than the Gulf War, the world is viewing the incredible capabilities of the world's greatest military. But more importantly, they are seeing the humanity we possess for our fellow man by liberating an oppressed people. And make no mistake about it, the people of Iraq are being liberated and once the shroud of evil that Saddam enclosed his country in for years is shed, their joy and happiness will shine through.

I want to once again thank everyone here for the hard work and sacrifice being put forth by everyone. Whether the family member of a person deployed or someone here picking up the slack, by synchronizing our actions across the wing, we are carrying out the vital mission our commander-in-chief gave our military. At press time, all reports I've received about our people deployed is they are doing well and making us proud. What more could we ask of our deployed warriors.

With the lightning speed of the coalition's success, for example, pulling up on Saddam's front porch Monday, people may get the idea the war is over and it'll be easy from here. Nothing could be further from the truth! If you cut through the media "blizzard of doubt," everything our leaders have said has come true. So why wouldn't we believe them when they say there is still a long way to go in totally liberating Iraq and starting those people on a road to true democracy.

I can't wait for our people to come home as much as any family member. But I don't want to give you a false hope that they'll be home next week. And even when they come back, more people from here may have to deploy as replacements. The situation is still fluid, but as soon as we get word they are coming back, we'll let people know.

Now, with that said, six people did return Tuesday who've been gone a very long time doing much of the work in preparing for the war. A big salute to the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron's Tech. Sgt. Todd Cowan, Staff Sgt. Wallace Beasley, Staff Sgt. Vernon Miller, Staff Sgt. John Mallohan, Staff Sgt. David Ulbrich, Staff Sgt. William Wheeler and Senior Airman Brandon Bell who returned Tuesday after nearly

three months in Southwest Asia. But this still leaves more than 500 Space Coast people deployed so lets keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

I'm sure you've all seen the outpouring of love and support from the Brevard County community during our time at war. It's great to see the slogans on the businesses throughout the community. I appreciate it and I

know everyone that wears the uniform appreciates it as well. Here is a special event open to all Space Coast military members and their families. I particularly want our single folks to know they are invited as well.

The City of Indian Harbour Beach is hosting a "Salute to the Troops" picnic Apr. 26 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Gleason Park in Indian Harbour Beach. It's easy to find. Drive south on South Patrick Drive and it's right across from the police station. The nice thing is all the food and drink is free to military members and their families for the event.

They'd love to have military members come down and be thanked and appreciated. And since they want you to relax, uniform isn't required. Just show your I.D. card upon arrival. But we do have stickers at the Family Support Center to wear so you can be easily identified or make up one of your own as well. I know some people are shy, but our civilian community just wants to say thanks and this makes it easy. I hope you can make it.

The one thing ringing through loud and clear in the war in Iraq is the importance of space power. Tuesday marked an incredibly important day for our military and nation as a Titan IV-B took the last Milstar satellite into space. It's the military's most sophisticated secure and jam resistant satellite our top military leaders use to conduct warfare. Once operational in two months, it completes a constellation that is proving its worth in spades helping the coalition win this war.

I'd like to remind people that it's space power that gives the war fighter the ability to move as fast and lethally as they do. Our motto, "Control of the battlefield begins here," is proved every second of every day over Iraq. It's something we should all take pride. My congratulations to the entire Titan/Milstar team for this terrific effort. Yesterday, we also supported an Atlas III launch which provides the far east with a commercial communications satellite.

Tomorrow, two very important events are taking place here on the Space Coast. First, a ceremony for the 920th Rescue Group recognizing it as the newly formed 920th Rescue Wing, takes place tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Hangar 750. A true honor and a reflection of the tremendous impact they make in defending America.

With nearly 400 people deployed performing or supporting their vital search and rescue mission, they are one of the first units called upon to deploy in time of conflict. Needless to say, no commander would order their troops into battle without a search and rescue unit at their side. Congratulations to Col. Tim Tarchick and the entire 920th Rescue WING as they add a new chapter in their incredible history of service to our nation.

At the same time, the Naval Ordnance Test Unit at the Cape is the host unit for the USS Mason commissioning ceremony held at the port. The Mason is the Navy's most technologically advanced guided missile destroyer. It carries an array of advanced weaponry, including the Aegis anti-air warfare missile system, the Tomahawk land attack missile being used in Iraq, and an advanced anti-submarine detection system. It also carries two helicopters. Based at Norfolk, Va., it's 510-foot long, has a crew of 346 and can reach speeds of more than 30 knots, which is about 35 miles per hour. The commanding officer of the Mason chose Cape Canaveral as the commissioning port because of the great support the Navy receives from our community. Congratulations to Capt. Bill Borger, NOTU commander and our sister service, the U.S. Navy, for adding this important ship to the fleet.

Everyone must mark April 27 on their calendars for our airshow and what an airshow to see. Because of the outstanding mission we accomplish, all three of Department of Defense's premier demonstration teams are performing here. And for those who don't know it, unless it's the President's airshow in D.C., it's very rare the USAF Thunderbirds, Navy Blue Angels and the Army's Golden Knights perform in one place. But certainly you've earned it. I can't think of a better way to thank the people of Brevard County for the wonderful support they give the Space Coast military community all of these years.

Yesterday, along with our Chief of Chaplains Lt. Col. Red Raux, we cut the ribbon on our new Cape Canaveral AFS chapel in the E and L building there. I'm very pleased we can bring this service to the Cape community and it doesn't end there. Very soon, both legal and financial services will be available at the Cape. I encourage people to contact all three organizations to find out about chapel services and to make appointments to use the service. It's something the community there asked for, so now it's time to take advantage of it.

Have a good weekend and remember to keep safety at the forefront of all you do. And don't let your guard down. If you see suspicious activity, report it immediately and let the experts check it out. Don't just sluff something off and discount it if your gut is telling you different. Keep our troops in your prayers and God bless!



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Members of 920th Rescue Group, Master Sgt. Mike Gorsline and Master Sgt. Mark Matheson, center, talk with a U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division soldier Sunday at a forward-deployed location in Iraq. The pararescuemen have saved at least nine Americans so far. The latest rescue involved flying behind enemy lines in western Baghdad to retrieve an A-10 Thunderbolt pilot Tuesday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Shane Cuomo)

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still pumping.”

The latest rescue involved flying behind enemy lines to retrieve and extract an A-10 Thunderbolt pilot who ejected from his airplane after it was hit while flying a close air support mission over western Baghdad Tuesday. He was recovered and flown back to a coalition base, uninjured.

The mission involving the two Army troops took place Monday when 920th RQW members braved severe weather conditions to come to their aid.

The soldiers were critically wounded and needed help about five miles south of Baghdad.

The deployed 920th RQW team worked with Air Force and Army special operations forces to locate them and transfer them to a hospital in Kuwait, where it was determined that they have a 95 percent chance of survival.

Two HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters and two A-10 Thunderbolt airplanes launched from an air base in southern Iraq and an HC-130 refueler launched from another air base in the region. Additionally, U.S. Army helicopters from another nearby base were put on alert status in case backup firepower was needed during the evacuation.

As the team flew to the evacuation site, the Pave Hawk aircrews learned the soldiers were in critical condition.

They coordinated with a special operations

MC-130E Combat Talon I to meet them at An Najaf, 75 miles south of Baghdad, to set up a patient transfer from the helicopters to the airplane.

The MC-130E had a flight surgeon and two medical technicians on board to treat and stabilize the wounded en route to an advanced medical facility.

Everyone involved in the operation was able to overcome the blowing sand and dust, which allowed about a half-mile of visibility and a flying ceiling of only 3,500 feet.

“I’m extremely proud of our brave warriors. They’re on the front lines of the war in Iraq and are doing a tremendous job under the most hostile and extreme conditions,” said Col. Tarchick. “Please keep them in your prayers.”

# Safety Office: Birds can cause flight hazards

By Capt. James Fidler  
45TH SW SAFETY OFFICE

Birds can be great to watch and feed, but they can be dangerous to aviators.

This is the middle of peak bird-activity season at Patrick Air Force Base. Recently, increased bird presence has been observed in housing, Famcamp and picnic areas. Some of that is unavoidable, but some has also been due to people feeding birds - inadvertently or on purpose - with birdseed

and picnic leftovers. Birds? What could be wrong with feeding a few birds?

On September 22, 1995, the Air Force lost a Boeing E-3B AWACS aircraft and its 24 crewmembers during takeoff from Elmendorf Air Force Base when they suffered a critical bird strike. On the average, the Air Force loses an aircraft a year to bird strikes (not to mention the millions of dollars repairing lesser damaging bird strikes).

In an effort to preserve assets and minimize the hazard that wildlife pre-

sents to aircraft operating on or near Patrick AFB, the 45 Space Wing's Plan 91-212 Bird-Aircraft Strike Hazard Plan coordinates base efforts to eliminate bird strikes. This includes not allowing feeding of wildlife within the confines of Patrick AFB.

Follow these tips:

- ▶ Do not feed (or otherwise encourage flocking of) birds in the housing areas.
- ▶ Ensure picnic areas are promptly picked up after use, and that covers are kept in position on trash receptacles to

discourage scavenging birds.

- ▶ Exercise care if using grass seed - use of lawn cloth or similar material to discourage birds from feeding while the seed sprouts. Sod is much preferable to seed.

There will always be birds to watch on base. By exercising diligence, safety is ensured that these interesting creatures remain in the areas they belong and do not become an increased hazard to aircraft.

# 45th RMS completes structure transition

By 1st Lt. Eric Badger  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Upon the 45th Space Wing's adoption of the combat wing structure Oct. 1, the 45th Range Management Squadron emerged as the newest edition to the wing family.

The 45th RMS, known as the Performance Management Division prior to Oct. 1, was morphed into a squadron during the Air Force-wide reorganization process directed by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper in order to further enhance the service's warfighting capabilities.

Lt. Col. Clay Frasier, a master acquisition officer and member of the Air Force Acquisition Corp., assumed command of the squadron Monday.

The 142-member squadron is a division of the newly-formed 45th Maintenance Group.

According to Mr. Mike Olive, 45th RMS deputy commander, the organization has undergone a name change, but not a change in the way they do business.

"Even though we are a squadron now, we will be doing the same thing we've always done," he said. "However, consolidating performance management with range operations is a huge step in the right direction and a smart way to handle business."

The 45th RMS mission consists of directing contractors operations and maintenance of the range, launch complexes and payload facilities on a day-to-day basis.

As a unit staff element, it primarily manages quality assurance and other contracting aspects for all major wing service contracts along with all designated external contracts maintaining responsibilities at the 45th Space Wing.

The 45th Range Management Squadron consists of three flights - Launch Programs, Range Systems, and Operations and Maintenance Management.

The Launch Programs Flight manages daily activities of contractors supporting the mission-critical facilities at launch complexes and payload facilities.

The Range Systems Flight's primary focus is to provide range modernization and upgrades to ensure launch capabilities remain current.

The O & M Management Flight's primary role is to ensure proper functioning of all Eastern Range and supporting facility systems.

The squadron also has a quality assurance branch that provides assistance with surveillance and contract compliance reviews as well as audits, according to Mr. Olive.

Major accomplishments of the 45th RMS include Evolved Expandable Launch Vehicle modifications, Antigua's second tracking source and 2002 Air Force Space Command Logistician of the Year.

"I'm really excited about this venture as a squadron," said Mr. Olive. "We been in business as an organization since 1998, and things continue to get better as time marches on."

For more 45th RMS information, contact Mr. Olive at 476-2898.



Congratulations to the following civilians for their milestones in civil service this month:

30 years

David Followill, 45th RANS  
Jerome Raupp, 45th SW

20 years

Luis Corea, 45th CES  
William Dansbury, 45th CES  
Linda Miller, 45th SVS  
Suwit Phoonkeao, 45th SW  
Wesley Westphal, 45th CES

The 45th Space Wing congratulates this week's winners of the Safety Decal Campaign. Incentive packages valued more than \$140 have been awarded to 24 personnel at Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. This week's winners are:

Patrick AFB

Katie Miller, retired

Airman 1st Class Jason Jones, 45th SFS

Master Sgt. Keith Raggette, AFTAC

Devin Sappington, Command Technologies

Tech. Sgt. Vince Gillen, AFTAC

# Wanted: air show volunteers

By Sue Walden  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Space Wing is throttling up for Air Show 2003 April 27. But with any event, there are many people behind the scenes who put it together.

Volunteers are needed for several duties to help the show go smoothly, according to Lt. Col. Kurt Hall, Air Show director.

► **Bus captains** "We need about 12 people to help with security on buses," he said. The volunteers will be on the buses to help with traffic flow, answer questions and do security checks. The traffic will be directed to designated parking areas and visitors will be bused as close to the air show as possible.

To volunteer, call Lt. Col. Kurt Hall at 853-2261 or Lt. Col. Austin Jameson at 494-8801. Or, e-mail them by accessing their address on global e-mail.

► **Parking attendants** About 50 volunteers are needed to help 45th Security Forces with crowd control and parking.

► **Hospitality** Approximately 20 volunteers will assist in the air crew hospitality tent with Judy Nicholson.

Air show-goers will be treated to a one-of-a-kind event that highlights performances of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, Navy Blue Angels and Army Golden Knights - rarely at an air

show together. Other civilian and military aerials acts are on tap, such as the Aero-Shell Team, the thunderous F-14 Tomcats, an F-117 Nighthawk and A-10 Thunderbolts, plus more.

The event, which begins at 8 a.m., also includes the Space Expo in the 920th Rescue Wing hangar that will demonstrate the wing's space-related mission.

The Air Show is for all ages. There will be many vendors manned by base booster club volunteers who'll provide food, beverages and souvenirs from the event, which is held every two years. The Kids' Zone will be jam-packed with organizations from the Kennedy Space Center Visitors Center to Jay Jay from Public Broadcasting Service. The Kids' Zone features activities for toddlers to teens.





## Daddy's home!

Staff Sgt. Wallace Beasley from the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron Structures shop, holds his one-year-old daughter Hannah, while his wife, Rachel, holding their three-year-old son Isaiah, stands by his side. Staff Sgt. Wallace's family welcomed him back home Tuesday upon his return from supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Photo courtesy 45th Civil Engineer Squadron)

# Wing provides Cape chapel services

By 1st Lt. Eric Badger  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For the first time ever, Cape Canaveral AFS workers no longer have to leave the installation for religious services.

The ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Cape Canaveral AFS Chapel, located inside the E & L building, took place Thursday at 1 p.m.

According to Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Searle, CCAFS chaplain, the wing chaplains will maintain the exact same approach to religious services there as they do at the South Housing and Seaside Chapels located approximately 20 miles south.

"In order to remain proactive, we practice outreach ministry," said Chaplain Searle. "This type of ministry is work-centered, in that, we will go to the people and visit them, rather than the people visiting the chapel."

According to Chaplain Searle, due to the limited access to CCAFS, chapel hours are modified to accommodate Cape workers.

"When compared to the South Housing and Seaside Chapels, it's more difficult for people to enter the Cape, and there are few workers present on the weekends there," he said. "Therefore, the Cape Chapel will not function

in quite the same capacity as the South Housing and Seaside Chapels."

Col. Cameron Bowser, 45th SW vice commander, sparked the idea for a chapel at the Cape, stated Chaplain Searle.

"I discussed the need for a Cape chapel with him in August 2002," said Chaplain Searle. "He helped us get funding to make it happen. Now, Cape workers don't have to travel off base or to Patrick to find a place of solitude and worship."

The chapel's hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Reflection and prayer time will occur from 12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily.

Wing chaplains are currently working to provide other services such as bible study time and an audio-visual area.

The Cape religious services provide an open-door policy and a "faith-neutral" facility designed to accommodate any official, recognized religion.

"It's a beautiful facility and very appropriate," said Chaplain Searle. "Above all, I give God the glory and my heartfelt thanks goes to the entire 45th Space Wing for a job well done. It's nice to know that, now, Cape members have some place to go."



Chief Master Sgt. Michael Schooley, 920th Rescue Wing command chief master sergeant, and 1st Lt. Lisa Parada unfurl the new 920th Rescue Wing flag in preparation for Saturday's ceremony. (Photo by Capt. Wade Arnold)

## 920th becomes wing

By Senior Airman Heather Kelly

920TH RESCUE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 920th Rescue Wing holds a re-designation ceremony Saturday to mark its expansion from group to wing status.

The 920th officially became a wing April 1, acquiring 600 new members and two geographically separated units at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., and Portland, Ore.

"The challenges resulting from this expansion were vast and varied," according to Col. Tim Tarchick, 920th Wing commander. "Among the changes is the activation of a mission support group, operations group and maintenance group."

With more than one-third of their personnel serving abroad, there was some speculation as to how many guests would be able to attend Saturday's ceremony. That question was answered when Col. Tarchick extended an invitation to the spouses of all deployed members.

"We wanted every member of this unit to be a part of this day," Col Tarchick said. "The 920th is truly one family - what better way to demonstrate that?"

"Our growth from a group to wing could not have come at a better time, and it is important to our members, their families and employers who have always supported us," Command Chief Master Sergeant Michael Schooley said. "The combat search and rescue mission is needed now more than ever - it's a call we are proud to answer, time and time again."

Presiding over the event is Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi, Commander, 10th Air Force. Among the distinguished visitors scheduled to attend are Maj. Gen. James Czekanski, commander of the 4th Air Force; Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander and Congressman Tom Feeney.

The primary mission of the 920th is combat search and rescue. With an estimated 350 members deployed, the wing's resources have been continuously called upon.

During peacetime, the 920th Rescue Wing mission encompasses rescue support for civilians in distress, NASA space shuttle missions, and humanitarian and disaster relief operations.

The wing utilizes a fleet of HC-130 Hercules aircraft and HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters to achieve its mission.

# Historic Mason commissioning at Port

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton

45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A U.S. Senator and numerous Navy dignitaries will be on hand to commission the USS Mason 11 a.m. Saturday at Port Canaveral.

U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe, the ship's sponsor, will be at Saturday's ceremony along with Cong. Dave Weldon and a number of ranking Navy civilians and military officers, including Dionele Aviles, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for financial management and comptroller; John Young, assistant secretary of the Navy for Research, development and acquisition; Vice Admiral David Brewer, Military Sea Lift Command commander and Rear Admiral William Cobb Jr., program executive officer for ships, along with four other Naval flag officers.

According to the Navy League Cape Canaveral Council, more than 4,000 guests are expected. The Mason was launched June 23, 2001.

It's understandable why so many people are turning out for the event. The USS Mason has a historic past, and the second Mason is seen by many as the equivalent to the Buffalo Soldiers and Tuskegee Airmen. It was the first Navy ship with a nearly all African-American crew in World War II.

The USS Mason, the third ship in the Mason legacy, named after John Young Mason, Secretary of the Navy for Presidents John Tyler and James Polk; and Ensign Newton Henry Mason who died in aerial combat during World War II's Battle of the Coral Sea, is continuing the proud legacy of the Mason name.

The Mason is the newest of the Arleigh Burke class destroyers and carries an array of advanced weaponry, including the Aegis anti-aircraft missile system, Tomahawk missiles, an



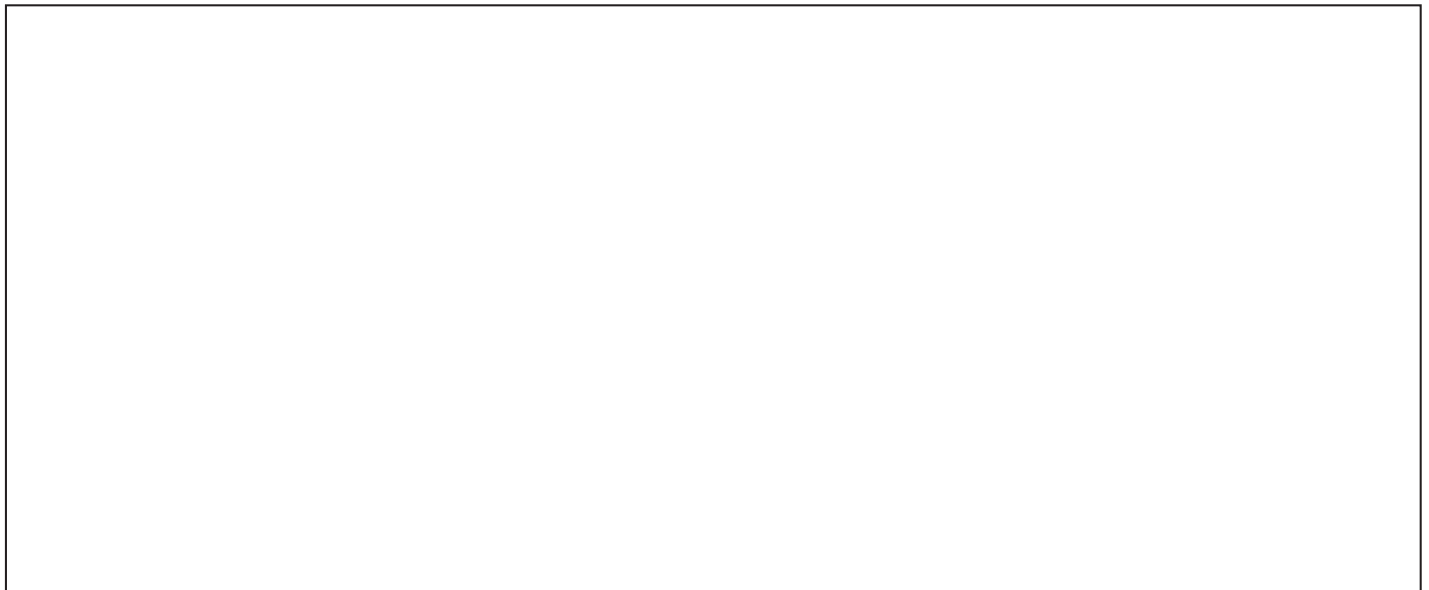
The USS Mason heading to its commissioning at Port Canaveral this past week. (Navy photos)

advanced anti-submarine detection system and two helicopters. The 510-foot long vessel, which has a complement of 346 crew members can attain speeds of more than 30 knots and will be based out of Norfolk, Va.

According to the ship's website, "the Mason will be the most capable and technologically advanced warship ever constructed."



The Mason had a nearly all-black crew in World War II.





**Civilian call held**

The next civilian call is Wednesday at Patrick AFB, 8 a.m. at the base theater and Thursday in Hangar F, Cape Canaveral AFS at 11 a.m. All civilians are encouraged to attend.

**Officer call change**

The next officer and senior civilian (GS 14-15) call is Thursday, 4 p.m. in Hangar F, Cape Canaveral AFS.

**Accident volunteers needed**

Twenty-five volunteers are needed to play accident victims during 45th Space Wing's major disaster response exercise April 23. The exercise will be held on Patrick's airfield beginning in the morning through early afternoon. With permission, volunteers will have moulage applied to represent "virtual" victims for the emergency response team to treat. To volunteer, or for more information, call Maj. Jason Mantaro or Keith Auger at 494-2047/5890

**Cape legal hours**

Effective Tuesday, legal assistance, to include notary services, will be available by appointment every other Tuesday from 8-10 a.m. in Bldg 60740 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Due to current mission requirements and manning constraints, this service will be limited to active duty members and their dependents. To schedule an appointment, call the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 494-7357.

**Classes offered**

Call the Family Support Center at 494-5676 for these classes: What to do with an Angry Child, Monday 1- 2:30 p.m.; TAP 3 Day Workshop, Tuesday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Newcomers Orientation, at the NCO Club, Tuesday, 7:30-11 a.m.; Creative Writing, Wednesday 5-6 p.m.; Information Fair, Wednesday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Singles Workshop, Thursday, 5-6 p.m.; Deployed Spouses, Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Pre-Deployment Briefing, Friday 7:30-11:30 a.m.

**Military volunteers needed**

Positions are available for master and senior master sergeants in the bilateral affairs office in the Office of Defense Cooperation in Albania, Bosnia, Macedonia and Moldova. Positions are open to active duty and Reserve and Air National Guard members.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Cynthia Birriel at 494-6144.

**Free picnic for military families**

The Indian Harbour Beach community is sponsoring an "Honoring the Space Coast Military" day April 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Gleason Park in Indian Harbour Beach. There will be free food and fun for all military married or single and their family members. The Family Support Center has designated identification stickers to wear for

the day. Stickers are optional I.D. cards may be shown upon arrival to participate in the free food and beverages.

For information on the stickers, call Tech. Sgt. Mark Tani at 494-5675.

**CAIB meets**

The next Community Action Information Board meeting is Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Command Conference Center, Bldg. 401.

Contact Maj. Carole Robbins at 494-0412 for more information.

**Save the environment**

The Kennedy Space Center 2003 Environmental and Energy Awareness week is April 21-23. This year's theme is "KSC=Kilowatts Saved Count!" Dr. Stuart D. Strahl will be the guest speaker at the opening/awards ceremony. Four field trips are planned and approximately 34 exhibitors will demonstrate ways to conserve energy and save the environment.

For more information, logon to <http://environmental.ksc.nasa.gov/eeaw/eaw2003/index.htm> or call 687-8452.

**MPF Closed**

Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section is now closed every Wednesday to all retirees and family members. This time has been set aside for active duty appointments for the new Common Access Cards. Due to the mass volume of cards being issued, customers will experience longer wait times.

For more information, call 494-6144.

**Emergency data assistance**

To establish an account with the Air Force Personnel Center to complete Emergency Data Cards date of rank and/or pay date is needed to finish this process. Contact unit commander's support staff or military personnel flight to obtain this information.

Call Staff Sgt. Cynthia Birriel at 494-6144 for information.

**TREA meets**

The Retired Enlisted Association Freedom Chapter 117 meets April 17 (third Thursday of each month) at 2 p.m. at the Brevard Veteran's Memorial Center, 400 Sykes Creek Blvd., Merritt Island, Fla. behind Merritt Square Mall. Call 750-1081 or e-mail Maynard Robinson [mrobinson@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mrobinson@cfl.rr.com) for information or questions

**Retired wives meet**

The Retired Officers' Wives meet at the Officers' Club April 25. Guest Speaker is Chris Lehnertz from the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation. Social time is 11:30 a.m., lunch starts at noon. Call Dean Pittman at 777-3044, Elsa Doddington at 773-6905 or Britta Kuhlman at 773-8793 by April 23 for reservations. Do not leave messages on answering machines.

# Saying goodbye to Hangar 800

By Sue Walden  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The sounds of revving planes and bustling personnel are now hushed by an occasional hoot of an owl now on its way to a new home.

After 57 years of hard work, Patrick's Hangar 800 has now retired and is being demolished. Like an old workhorse, it served its time ... and the Navy and Air Force well.

Like an old grandfather reminiscing about life in the war, Hangar 800 has many stories to tell. Taking over a year to construct, Hangar 800 opened its doors on June 15, 1945. It was called the Project Baker Hangar.

The project's mission was to test experimental and developmental stage, electronic airborne and related group equipment utilized by naval aircraft for navigation, instrument low-approach, radio communications and certain forms of television and countermeasure apparatus, according to the Bureau of Aeronautics chief in 1944.

As the base changed

hands from the Navy to the Air Force in 1949, and the years went

by, Hangar 800's mission changed through the ages. It served as the base's air terminal since 1948 until last summer. Now the new air terminal and two other buildings down South Patrick Drive have replaced the hangar's duties.

"It was originally slated to be torn down in 1990," said Clay Gordin, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron chief of environmental conservation. "But it took awhile to move tenants and plan and build the new buildings to replace it."

The demolition is part of the military construction project, approved by Congress.

Since the new air terminal, administration building and supply warehouse were opened last summer, the project called for the building to be bulldozed.

Plus, the building was just plain worn

out. Corrosion from sea air and age are the main culprits. "We're just going to help Mother Nature take it down," said Dennis Newell, resident engineer for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

Demolition was delayed a few weeks due to asbestos removal and another part of Mother Nature - waiting for residing baby great horned owls to grow old enough to fly away from their hangar home (see story below).

The demolition is scheduled to continue through the end of May, according to Mr. Newell. It will be peeled away layer by layer.

"We'll take salvageable materials first, such as fluorescent light bulbs to properly dispose, then materials we can recycle - window frames, concrete, steel and aluminum," he said. Recycling saves money for the contractor and the Air Force.

Demolition will be a delicate process at times. Since the hangar is so close to South Patrick Drive, there is a possibility of periodic short-term road closures. But Mr. Newell said there will be advance notification.



Hangar 800 is being demolished after 57 years of service as the base's main air terminal. It was replaced over the summer by a new terminal, supply warehouse and administration building. (Photo by Jim Laviska)



The hangar was opened June 15, 1945 as part of Project Baker. (Photo courtesy of 45th Space Wing History Office)

## Wing ensures safe haven for owl family

By Verla Davis  
45SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As Ed and Edie sat perched in the high rafters, they curiously watched the trespassers come and go. For weeks they watched wondering why the trespassers were there, how long they would be there and if they could be trusted. Their instinct kicked in and they realized that the trespassers posed no threat.

Ed and Edie, two adult great horned owls nesting in Hangar 800, knew it was time to share their well-kept secret.

"We came in one morning and one was just sitting there in front of that car and the other one in this room," said Peter Tyree, contractor



Don George, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental planner, examines a baby great horned owl in Hangar 800. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

with Sunrise Services. Left on the ground were Casey and Chris, two baby owls that tried relentlessly to sore as high as their parents but were not experienced enough to

make it.

According to Don George, environmental planner for 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, the baby owls appeared to be about one month old and probably wouldn't be able to fly for another few weeks.

"They are on the endangered species list and are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918," he said. They are also protected by the 45th Space Wing, as officials are diligent and meticulous when it comes

to protecting the area's endangered species and, in fact, have won many Department of Defense-level environmental awards for their efforts.

The owls delayed Hangar 800's demolition in March, but now are old enough to find a new residence. "They're capable of flying on their own now," said Dennis Newell, resident engineer for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. "We'll keep an eye on them, but I'm sure they'll fly away as soon as they hear the noise. If they don't leave, we'll have someone safely remove them."

Nesting for the great horned owl usually occurs during the months of January or February. They do not build their own nests, but take over nests that are left by other birds, such as hawks and crows. The owls, if in captivity, live 29 to 38 years; however, wild owls live until 13 years of age.

For more information on the great horned owl logon to <http://www.owlpages.com/species/bubo/virginianus/Default.htm>

# Civilian COR team cuts to core

By Sue Walden  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Space Wing civilian workforce just got a whole lot better.

Five wing civilian leaders were recently appointed by 45th SW commander Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich to spearhead the newly-created Civilian Oversight Recommendations Team.

The purpose of the group is to provide civilians with advocacy for workforce enhancement objectives.

They advise and make recommendations to Gen. Pavlovich on a wide array of civilian matters including civilian policies, awards and recognition, performance, training and education, morale, position management and career planning.

COR members are Patrick Blucker, chief of 45th SW Plans and Programs; Bob Fore, 45th SW technical director; Rick Bailey, Range Modernization technical director; Pete Taddie, deputy chief of Range Safety and Bob Daniel, chief of Civilian Personnel.

Each has an average of 29 years of civilian service, enough wisdom and experience to fill volumes of books on how to succeed as a Department of Defense civilian.

Each say they are proud to have been chosen for this team. "I feel very privileged to make a positive difference," said Mr. Taddie. In his nearly 13 years of being here, Mr. Blucker is elated that Gen. Pavlovich has such a level of interest in the civilian force.

"He's not just talk," Mr. Blucker said. "Gen. Pavlovich wants action and his motivation is to get the job done - to have a total force. If there's a faction that doesn't feel a part of the team, he wants to fix it.

"With the present things going on in the world, now more than ever, we need a seamless total force and any commander would be crazy not to efficiently optimize his force for the mission.

When the airmen are deployed, there's extra work and civilians will pick up the load, and as a matter of fact, some of our civilians are also deployed. Civilians pull together to



get the mission accomplished."

Reasons to improve the civilian climate are simple. Civilians make up a large part of the wing. To fully optimize a seamless total force, civilians must feel they are a positive part of the mission. And, not all do, according to a February survey distributed to all civilians by the COR team.

"Although many statistics came from it, the top three issues were that civilians want room for advancement, more training opportunities and they want their military counterparts to understand and respect them," said Mr. Blucker.

"The Chief of Staff survey was our launching point and we see some correlation between that survey and ours, although our survey tells us a whole lot more."

Thirty-eight percent of the civilian workforce filled out the survey and provided 1,500 useful comments. Civilians provided more than 600 pages of comments on the Chief of Staff Survey, according to Judy Nicholson, 45th SW Manpower Organization management analyst.

The COR team's first priority is to come up with solutions that address the survey statistics as well as feedback and statistics that came from last year's Chief of Staff Survey.

How can five people do all this and their regular job? They're getting help from volunteer associate members - a union representative, Non-appropriated Fund representative

and various civilians who threw their hats in the ring several weeks ago.

These associate members, who will work on the team for one year, will, in effect, divide and conquer 20 areas the COR team identified as initiatives.

The COR team and its associate members are divided into three focus teams - communications, career and mission - in which the 20 areas fall. Tuesday, the team meets together for the first time.

Most civilians are excited about the COR team, while a small percentage on the survey would rather take a "wait and see" approach.

"Some want to see results first, but most say they're willing to try," said Mr. Bailey. "And that's all right, because this isn't going to be a program that ends when Gen. Pavlovich leaves; this is long-

term.

"We're building a more effective workforce - one that will be happier and more productive.

## How can you make changes?

✍ Solicite ideas to the COR members or associate members who represent every level of the civilian workforce.

✍ Fill out the COR team's periodic survey. This is crucial to see how effective the team is.

✍ If you're a contractor, you're not ignored. Gen. Pavlovich also meets with a group of contractors along with the COR team periodically.

✍ Understand the COR team can't make everyone happy. They can't change laws, but they can, if appropriate, lobby to have a law changed.

✍ The COR team won't address individual issues or act without specific authority.

"We're building a more effective workforce - one that will be happier and more productive."

- Rick Bailey  
COR TEAM MEMBER

# Wife finds joy singing

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Stacey Dumas has been sharing her love with thousands this spring and has seen patriotic fervor growing as she shared her love.

"Music is my first love," Ms. Dumas said. She's sung at three Montreal Expo games as well as a military promotion ceremony and change-of-command ceremony.

Singing in front of thousands has provided her with a finger on the area's pulse as well. As the war with Iraq was drawing closer, she said it's felt like the patriotism at the venues where she's sung has surged.

"I was singing at the Expos game on the day after the president delivered his ultimatum, and it was very emotional. The people were singing along. It was a very moving moment. I felt like I was going to cry," she said.

The wife of Capt. Craig Dumas, 3rd Space Launch Squadron, has sung around the world. Today, her situation is different but her love affair continues, as she sings every chance she gets and passes along her love to her two children 4-years-old and 4-months-old.

Her professional career began as a child extra in the musical *Evita*. "I remember getting my first paycheck and thinking, 'I'm going to get paid for this!'"

During her teen years, she sang in a number of South Florida productions. She sang with future Backstreet Boy A.J. McClean and Jennifer Garner from the hit television show *Alias*.

Later, she got a role with the cast of "Up With People" and saw the world, and met her husband.

"We had sung at the New Mexico Military Institute and afterward he and I talked for awhile and exchanged addresses," Mrs. Dumas said.

For the next three years, the two kept in touch with letters and cards. "We wrote for three years and then he said, 'Hey, I need a date for the ring dance,' and he bought me a plane ticket. And the rest, as they



Stacey Dumas singing at a recent Florida Marlins baseball game. (Photo courtesy of Brevard County Manatees)

say, is history. Now we have been married for seven years and have two children."

Children have changed the professional singer's perspective.

Rather than aggressively pursuing a music career, she's now aggressively pursuing being the best mom she can be. However, don't think that she's shoved music to the backburner.

Her home is like a symphony and music is a critical part of it.

She just bought her 3-year-old a guitar. "I just want to pass that love of music along to them," she said. "I just want to share that music; it can touch your soul during times of sorrow, times of pain, times of joy."

Her husband Craig said he can often determine her mood by what she's playing on the keyboard.

However, children brought a change to that as well. "We recently bought a keyboard that I can plug headphones into," she said. "I can't interrupt the children's naps and sometimes, that's the only time I have to play."

However, despite the different lifestyle and emphasis on being a mom, the two - children and music- are becoming interwoven. "Being a mom is the most important."

She's truly happy. Once, sharing that love with thousands, now sharing it with two very special people, brings her the same warmth and glow.



### Focus...

Larry Moore, 333rd Recruiting Squadron, focuses intently on the ball during Tuesday night's game against the Navy team. The recruiters came out on the short end of the stick, 15-7. Teams play every Tuesday and Thursday night and a women's league starts Monday night. *(Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)*

### Top golfers

The top golfers in the 2002 fall intramural season were named. Sean Kelley, 45th Range Squadron, won for best average; Dan Crowley, 45th Services Squadron and Steven Bible, 45th Contracting Squadron won most improved while Mike McIntire, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron won the sportsmanship award.

The 45th Contracting Squadron won the regular season title and post-season tournament. The next season starts May 21.

### Women's softball

The women's softball league starts Monday and will play every Monday and Wednesday. All interested women not on a team should call Ralph Robinson at 494-4947.

### WarFit

The 5-kilometer Warfit runs and 1.5 kilometer walks are April 18.

The Patrick run is at 6:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center and the Cape Canaveral Run is at 7 a.m. at the Cape's Fitness Center.

### Free childcare available

Sixteen hours of free childcare are available for active-duty members returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The program is provided by the Family Childcare Extended Duty Care Homes and doesn't pertain to the Child Development Center. For more information, call Tina Washington at 494-8381.

### Get balloons for assistant

Order balloon bouquets for Administrative Assistant Day April 23 through Outdoor Recreation. Balloons are \$3 each with a minimum of two per delivery. Orders must be made before April 21. Call 494-9625 or 494-9692 to order.

### Take assistant to lunch

Join club members April 23 for this reservations-only luncheon at the Officers' Club. Seatings are 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for a buffet including champagne chicken, grilled salmon and chocolate cheesecake. The cost is \$8.95. Members receive \$1 off. Administrative assistants receive a flower.

### Attend festival for children

A base-wide Easter Egg Hunt and Children's Festival is Saturday

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Patrick Youth Center. Children enjoy water tag, a bungee run, Cameron the caterpillar, an obstacle course and the library will perform a puppet show along with many other activities. Call 494-4747 for more information.

### Easter Sunday Buffet

Enjoy Easter at the Officers' Club April 20 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Menu items include steamship round of beef, Pitt ham, fresh fish and a variety of side dishes along with plenty of assorted desserts. Seating times are at 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m. and 4 p.m. Membership value price for adults is \$17.95; children 5 to 12, \$9.95 and children under 5 eat free. (Gratuity not included.)

Show a club card to receive a \$2 "Members-First" discount. Make reservations by April 18 by calling 494-4011 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Easter Sunday Buffet

Join NCO Club members April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for an Easter buffet featuring honey-glazed ham, turkey and dressing, baked salmon, green bean almondine, oven-roasted potatoes, salads and a dessert table.

Seating arrangements begin at 11 a.m. and continue every one-half hour until 4 p.m. Reservations are strongly encouraged; walk-ins are seated by space availability only. Adults pay \$15.95; children 5 to 10 are charged \$6.95. Members who show their club card receive \$2 off each meal. Call 494-7492 for reservations.

### Turkey-to-go

Feed a house full on Easter with the NCO Club's special Easter-feast-to-go for \$35. This pre-cooked meal includes a 10- to 15-pound turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, dressing, cranberry sauce, vegetables and fresh dinner rolls. The meal feeds six to eight people. Orders must be received by noon, Friday. Orders can be picked up on Easter between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 494-7491 to place an order.

### Scholarships available

Air Force Services is conducting the Seventh Annual Club Membership Scholarship Program.

Club members and their eligible family members are encouraged to take advantage of this special scholarship opportunity. Six scholarships will be awarded from

\$6,000 to \$2,500.

Each applicant must be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university as either an undergraduate or graduate candidate for the fall of 2003.

Applicants must provide an essay of 500 words or less, on the topic: Air Force Clubs - Help Us Make "Members First." The essay should focus on club facility, membership programming, food, beverage, entertainment and customer service.

Pick up applications at the Officers' Club or NCO Club. All applications and essays must be submitted to the 45th Services Marketing & Publicity office by July 11. Call 494-4012/7491 for more information.

### Golf course forms leagues

The Manatee Cove Golf Course is organizing their 2003 Summer Golf League, which begins around May 21. An organizational meeting is May 16 at 3 pm in the Manatee Cove Lounge.

All team coaches or representatives are asked to attend. Any organization that will not be represented is asked to contact Fred Mills to confirm their wish to enter a team.

Call 494-7856.



**Friday Gods and Generals** In this nearly four-hour movie, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, the famous Confederate general who along with fellow General Robert E. Lee, must weigh the mighty consequences of his actions, as each battle costs the lives of thousands of men. On the Union side, there's Col. Joshua Chamberlain, who, like Jackson and Lee, is fond of making long poetic speeches to his troops. Beginning with the start of the war and ending with Jackson's death, the film chronicles the three main battles leading up to his death. Stars Bruce Boxleitner and Billy Campbell. (PG-13 for sustained battle scenes)

**Saturday Cradle 2 the Grave** When an international criminal kidnaps the daughter of a gang leader as part of a diamond heist, it causes a city's police to engage in an intensive aided by the father's gangsters. Stars DMX and Jet Li. (Rated R for violence, language and some sexual content)

**Sunday The Life of David Gale** Dr. David Gale, a Texas professor and advocate for the elimination of the death penalty, is falsely accused and convicted of the rape and murder of another activist and Gale ends up on the state's notorious death row himself. Stars Kevin Spacey and Laura Linney. (Rated R for violent images, nudity, language and sexuality)

**Thursday Cradle 2 the Grave** (see above synopsis).

Show times are 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$2.50 for adults age 12 and older and \$1.50 for children 11 and younger.

**Riverside Dining Facility Menu**

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

**Saturday supper** - #Baked fish, barbecue chicken, doubly-good chicken, Hungarian goulash

**Sunday brunch** - Cantonese spareribs, grill mustard chicken, 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, #teriya-

ki chicken, veal parmesan

**Tuesday dinner** - #Country captain chicken, meat loaf, turkey a la king

**Wednesday lunch** - Pork schnitzel, sauerbraten, Reuben sandwich, bratwurst

**Wednesday dinner** - Barbecue spareribs, #lemon-herb chicken, stuffed pork chops

**Thursday lunch** - Glazed pork chops, herbed-baked chicken, Mongolian barbecue

**Thursday dinner** - Glazed Cornish hen, Jaegerschnitzel with mushroom sauce, #roast loin of pork

Menus are subject to change. Item with an "#" are healthy choice.

**Action Line: 494-6550**



Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich  
45th SW commander

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

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

If you can't get your problem resolved through the agencies, contact the Action Line: e-mail, Commander'sLine@patrick.af.mil; recorded message, 494-6550 or mail, 45SW/PA 1201 Edward H. White II St, Ste C-130, Patrick AFB FL 32925-3237; fax, 494-7302. Address all correspondence "Attn: Action Line."

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

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## Holy Week/Easter Schedule

<b>Catholic</b>	South Patrick Chapel
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Easter</b>
Saturday 5 p.m., South Patrick Chapel	8:30 a.m., South Patrick Chapel
Sunday, 8:30 a.m., South Patrick Chapel	11:30 a.m., South Patrick Chapel
Sunday, 11:30 a.m., Seaside Chapel	<b>Protestant</b>
Holy Week (Monday - Wednesday)	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
11:30 a.m. Mass, Seaside Chapel	8:30 a.m., Seaside Chapel
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	11 a.m., South Patrick Chapel
7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper, South Patrick Chapel	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	6 p.m. Seder Meal, South Patrick Chapel
7 p.m. Service of the Lord's Passion, South Patrick Chapel	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	6 p.m., Seaside Chapel
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil,	<b>Easter</b>
	6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Officers' Club Patio
	8:30 a.m., Seaside Chapel
	11 a.m., South Patrick Chapel

## Passover celebrates freedom

By Barry Chefer  
45TH SW CHAPLAINS OFFICE

Passover, celebrated by the Jewish people for eight days beginning on the fifteenth day of the Jewish month of Nissan (April), marks the miracle of G-d's liberation of the Jews from Egyptian slavery and the Jews' emergence, under the leadership of Moses, as a nation free to serve G-d. It begins Wednesday evening and concludes at sunset April 24.

Passover portrays freedom. The story tells how the Jewish people were slaves in Egypt but Moses led them out of bondage and he received the Torah (five books of Moses) on Mount Sinai. After forty years in the wilderness, the Jews entered the "promised land." All this occurred more than 3,000 years ago, and every year the story is retold around the world at Passover seders (dinners).

For the Jews, Egypt represents more than just a place on the map - it is also a state of mind. The Hebrew name for Egypt is Mitzrayim, which is related to the word Maytzorim - meaning boundaries and limitations. For the Jewish people, to "escape from Egypt" means to overcome personal limitations that constrain the development of full potential.

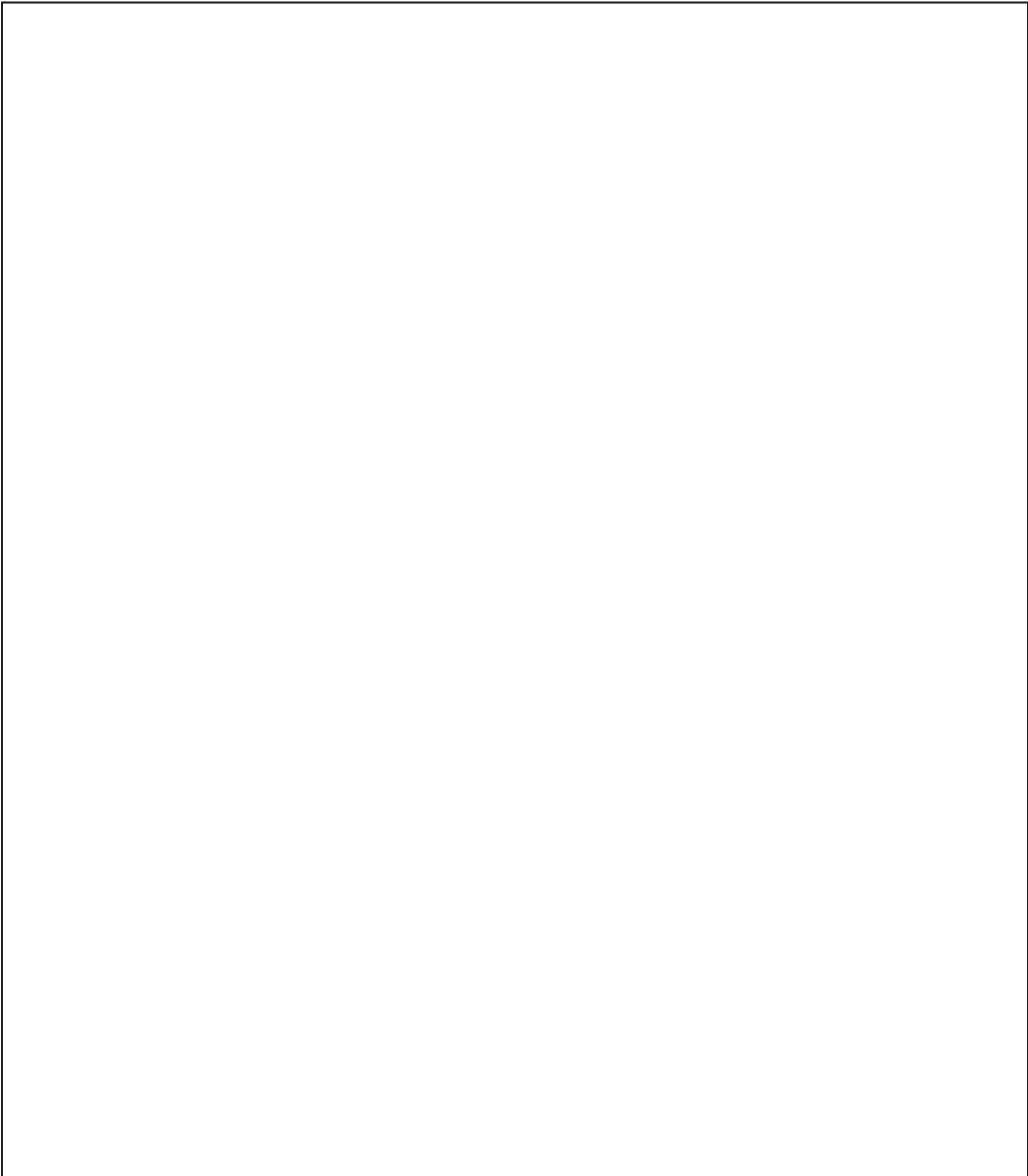
### Dates to Remember

The first and last two days are considered major Holy Days and work-related activities are not allowed. Work is permitted during the intermediate days. The holiday of Shavous follows 49 days later (June 6-7) when work-related activities are also not permitted. Individuals seeking information about worship services in the local area or availability of holiday meals should call 494-6063.

To learn more about Judaism, go to [www.patrick.af.mil](http://www.patrick.af.mil), click on "Wing Staff," "Chaplain," "Jewish Community."

*Author's Note: "G-d" is not spelled out in this article because of the Jewish law that G-d's name must be sanctified and fully respected. Since newspapers usually end up in the recycle bin, G-d's spelling is modified.*







Raffiki the giraffe is the newest arrival at the Brevard Zoo. The zoo is located at 8225 N. Wickham Road just east of I-95 at exit 191. Regular admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors (60 & up) and \$5 for children ages 3-12 years. The zoo is open every day. The zoo offers military members \$10 off of the normally priced \$45 annual family pass. For more information, call 254-9453. (Photo by Malcolm Denmark, Florida Today)

#### Music

April 18, Brevard County Community College Jazz Ensemble hosts **Spring concert** at 7:30 p.m. in the Simpkins Fine Arts Auditorium in Cocoa. Admission is \$5. Call 632-1111, ext 62760.

#### Festivals

Saturday, Noon to sunset: "**High Note Kite and Music Festival**" at Ocean Avenue Park, Melbourne Beach. Includes music, stunt kites, kite boarding and kite buggies.

April 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Earth Day 2003 Family Fun Fest at the Enchanted Forest**, Titusville. Exhibits, presentations, walks and activities for the whole family. Free admission. Call 267-7367.

April 25-28, Sand Point Park in Titusville. **Family festival** that includes food and drinks, a carnival, live entertainment, raft race, arts and crafts, antique car show and other great activities. Admission and parking are



free. Call 267-3036.

#### Art exhibit

Throughout April at 3550 S. Washington Ave. in Titusville: Paintings of Challenger and Columbia's last flight and a stained glass shuttle display. Admission is free. Call (321) 268-2147.



