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## AF scales back Stop Loss

Wednesday Air Force personnel officials announced the release of more than half of the Air Force Specialty Codes restricted from retirement or separation May 2 under the Stop Loss program.

Following a review of operational requirements, 31 officer and 20 enlisted career fields were identified for release from Stop Loss, the officials said.

The officer career fields released from Stop Loss restrictions are: 11BX, 11EX, 11FX, 11HX, 11KX, 12BX, 12EX, 12FX, 12KX, 12RX, 12TX, 13BX, 13DXA, 13DXB, 32EX, 43EX, 43HX, 43TX, 44EX, 44MX, 45AX, 45BX, 45SX, 46FX, 46MX, 46NXE, 46SX, 48AX, 48GX, 48RX and 51JX.

The enlisted career fields released from Stop Loss restrictions are: 1C2XX, 1C4XX, 1S0XX, 1T1XX, 3E000, 3E0X2, 3E4X1, 3E4X2, 3E5X1, 3E7X1, 3E8X1, 3E9X1, 3H0X1, 3N0XX, 4A1XX, 4A2XX, 4B0XX, 4E0XX, 4H0XX and 5J0X1.

The Air Force announced Stop Loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond their established dates of separation or retirement, for 99 AFSCs and deployed airmen on March 13. The move was aimed at ensuring personnel levels were adequate to meet upcoming contingencies.

"It was not an action that we took lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "It was designed

to preserve Air Force skills essential to supporting the global war on terrorism and operations in Iraq."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper pointed out that service officials have always said that they will use Stop Loss only as long as necessary to accomplish the mission.

"We've reevaluated our requirements and are releasing these AFSCs because Stop Loss is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service," Jumper said.

Maj. Teresa Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon, said this announcement is the result of an in-depth review.

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*Outstanding is just the START!*



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



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich  
 45TH SW COMMANDER

Armed Forces Day greetings everyone! I hope everyone is doing well and for those who returned this week from a deployment overseas, WELCOME HOME! Armed Forces Day is our nation's recognition of all its military services and their sacrifices for our nation. I want to invite everyone to a retreat ceremony at the Memorial Plaza today at 5 p.m. in recognition of this special day.

Armed Forces Day is also a lead in for next weekend, which is Memorial Day weekend — a time to remember all those who perished protecting our freedom. It's a day dedicated to their memory and I hope you all attend a ceremony in their honor.

Those people died fighting for freedom so all Americans can enjoy what life has to offer. In their spirit and after we pay our respects in the morning, I'd like to invite all our active duty, Guard, Reserve and retired military, DoD civilians and their families to Space Coast Stadium May 26. The Brevard County Manatee baseball team is declaring the day "Military Appreciation Day," and there are several neat items in store for everyone who attends the game. The game starts at 1:05 p.m. and admission to the game, for all military, DoD civilians and their families, is free.

To start the day off right, we are holding a tailgate party starting at 10 a.m. in the stadium's reserved parking area the Manatees are roping off just for us. We'll be serving burgers, brats, hot dogs and drinks for everyone. It'll give us a chance to all come together and celebrate all the good things about America while keeping in mind why our nation set aside the last Monday in May as Memorial Day.

To be clear, the food at the tailgate is the only food and drink free for the day. While admission and parking are free and it's open seating, it's normal ballpark prices for food and drink once inside. Our Honor Guard is presenting the colors and we'll have a military member sing the National anthem and some of our recently returning airmen are throwing out the first pitch. I hope you can come out and join the party; it's going to be fun.

Congratulations to the Atlas V team for their successful launch Tuesday of a commercial satellite. The launch culminated many months of hard work and it went as smooth as silk. Everyone should be proud of their accomplishments and I look forward to our next launch, a Delta II carrying the Mars Rover A slated for June 5.

Speaking of accomplishments, the Environmental Protection Agency announced five Air Force winners of the "White House Closing the Circle Awards" for accomplishments during fiscal 2002. The "Closing the Circle Award" recognizes federal employees and their facilities for efforts that result in significant contributions to, or have made a significant impact on, the environment in specific categories under Presidential Executive Order 13101: Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition, and Executive Order 13148: Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management.

The wing earned the award for its outstanding recycling program. Congratulations to the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron and everyone associated with the 45th SW for all you do to protect the environment and make our part of the world a better place to live and work. Wing representatives will be recognized at a ceremony June 10, in Washington D.C., at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. SUPER JOB!

We had one of the 45th Medical Group's finest win an Air Force level award as well. Senior Airman Richard Mongold won the Chief Master Sgt. Michael A. Gambuti Pharmacy Technician of the Year award for 2002. Airman Mongold is truly outstanding - make that the best in the Air Force. He is one of the stellar folks who keep our well-greased pharmacy machine running. Considering they fill more than 100,000 prescriptions a year, we must have quality people like Rich and our many volunteers to make sure it runs smooth. Rich was also one of the Honor Guard's quarterly award winners in 2002. A person who embodies the true sense of "Outstanding is just the START!" Rich, congratulations, the 45th SW is a better place with you in our ranks.

At the same time, Tech. Sgt. Pamela Bidel earned the 2002 Air Force Space Command Outstanding Paralegal Noncommissioned Officer of the Year award. The annual award recognizes the most outstanding paralegal of the year, based upon demonstrated superior initiative, technical skill, leadership ability and devotion to duty.

Sgt. Bidel enhanced our legal office's preventive law program through innovative methods by

creating handouts, briefing at the first-ever living wills symposium and first-ever military family adoption workshop. She also performed monthly pre-deployment briefings at the Family Support Center. Pam, super job and thanks for making us shine in the eyes of our command leadership.

Unfortunately, I need to address a couple of warts I've seen surfacing in the community. The first is a problem with leaving kids unattended in base housing below the legal age of 12. I know there are different laws across the land, but for Florida, a child must be 12 to be left unattended. Needless to say, it's very dangerous, along with breaking the law, to leave children home with no supervision.

I'm worried about this because, if you have a child, you know Thursday is the last day of school and kids are home for the summer. I don't want us to have a senseless tragedy based on a parent neglecting to meet their parental obligations. It would be sad to see a child seriously hurt because someone tried to save a few bucks on childcare. Work it out with neighbors to watch each other's children or contact our Family Support Center that has a network to lend a hand in these situations. Let's do the right thing and protect our children on a daily basis.

I've also seen an increase in domestic disputes in our housing areas during the last few months. Now, I'm not raising the "crisis" flag here. Many are just heated arguments after long stressful days and weeks. But it does point out the fact that this is a very stressful time in our nation's history and we need to all be aware of this. If you have frustrations, find a way to work them out in a positive way. Again, our FSC has many programs it can direct you to for help. We have a great community here and we all need help at different times so don't be afraid to ask if you need it.

We participated, along with Brevard County, in a very successful hurricane evacuation exercise this week. With everything that is going on in the world, it's hard to believe the beginning of hurricane season, June 1, is just around the corner. For you "Florida vets," it's time to dust off the family emergency kit and make sure the batteries are charged and you replaced the water you stole out of the kit during the winter. As our friends in the Midwest learned the hard way, Mother Nature can dish out her wrath with very short notice. Being as prepared as possible is the only way to survive the "next big one" that could hit Florida this year.

Have a safe weekend and good luck to our students as they finish up the year. Keep our deployed troops in your prayers and God bless!



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"A number of different factors went into the review process," Forest said. "We had to consider the balance between the active duty and Air Reserve Component, as well as the need to remain responsive to changing events worldwide."

Deployed active duty, Guard and Reserve airmen whose AFSCs are released from Stop Loss will not be allowed to retire or separate until their deployment is completed, Forest said. Air Reserve Component airmen who are mobilized, but not deployed, will be demobilized according to ARC policy.

The actual "termination" of Stop Loss has yet to be determined because the Air Force and the combatant commanders still need certain skills to directly support the war in Iraq, Forest said.

More career fields will likely be released in the future, she said, based on input from different levels around the Air Force. However, if airmen experience a severe hardship caused by Stop Loss, they can apply for a waiver through their chain of command.

"Many families have put plans on hold because of Stop Loss," Forest said. "We will make every effort to balance their needs with our commitment to operational requirements."

Additional information regarding the release of certain AFSCs is available at installation military personnel flights. (From Air Force News Service)

# Community rolls out red carpet

By Maj. Cindy East  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Space Coast community is throwing a free Memorial Day 'baseball extravaganza' at the Space Coast Stadium in Viera, May 26, in honor of all military members and their families.

This event evolved from the Space Coast communities' desire to show their thanks and appreciation to the military for the part they've played in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"Members of Brevard County's

'Civ Mil' organization wanted to support a picnic type of event to say 'thank you' and 'we're not forgetting our troops'," said Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Manson, 45th Space Wing command Chief Master Sgt.

At the same time, the Space Coast Stadium management was conferring with Patrick Air Force Base about inviting military members out for a free baseball game to show their thanks and host a military appreciation day.

"I sat down and thought, 'why don't we just link the two together?'

so that's exactly what we're going to do," said Chief Manson. "The focus of this event is not just on deployed active duty Air Force members, but on all branches of the military, including the Guard and Reserve, the folks who've deployed, as well as those who've remained 'deployed in place.' We also wanted to focus on military families and the military community."

Patrick AFB will bring out the barbecues and throw a giant tailgate party beginning at 10 a.m. with free hamburgers, bratwursts, hotdogs and sodas, courtesy of the Brevard County Civilian Military Council, followed by a free Manatees baseball game at 1:05 p.m.

Military members and Department of Defense civilians must show valid identification to participate in the tailgate party, baseball game and to park free in reserved season ticket-holder parking.

"Donations from the Brevard Civilian Military Council along with the complimentary Manatee baseball passes are lining up to make for a great day of fun and sharing," said Chief Manson. "This is another excellent example of our Space Coast community 'stepping up to the plate' in supporting our military community, mission and people."



Brevard County Manatee Danny Rombley reaches for the bag while Clearwater's Scott Youngbauer tries to lay a tag on him. Military members and their families will receive free admission to the game on May 26. (Photo by Emily Barnes, Florida Today)

# Leadership clarifies 'Home Alone' policy

Maj. John Taylor  
45TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

Nearly everyone has seen the 1990 hit family comedy, Home Alone where precocious Macaulay Culkin fends off two would-be robbers—great family fun. However, outside Hollywood, happy endings are not happenstance.

"Vigilant protection and care of children living in Patrick family housing is of utmost concern to everyone associated with the 45th Space Wing," said Col. Steve Werner, 45th Mission Support Group commander. "This shared commitment ensures we protect our most valued commodity—our children. In order to provide the necessary environment for children, we unapologetically enforce "children not sitting children," regardless of the perceived maturity level of an 8-year-old."

The 45th Space Wing's Instruction 34-201, Table A1.1 details at what age children living in base housing can be left alone to care for themselves or to baby-sit other children. In a nutshell, children 9 years old and younger are not permitted to stay alone. Children 10 to 11 years old are allowed to stay alone for two hours or less with ready access to a telephone number for an adult supervisor. And, those 12 to

14 years old can stay alone during daylight hours, but not overnight, while those 15 years old and older can stay alone overnight.

Until children turn 11 years old, they can't baby-sit. After their 11th birthday, they can baby-sit for siblings for up to two hours with an adult nearby. Children 12 years old or older may baby-sit others with access to an adult supervisor.

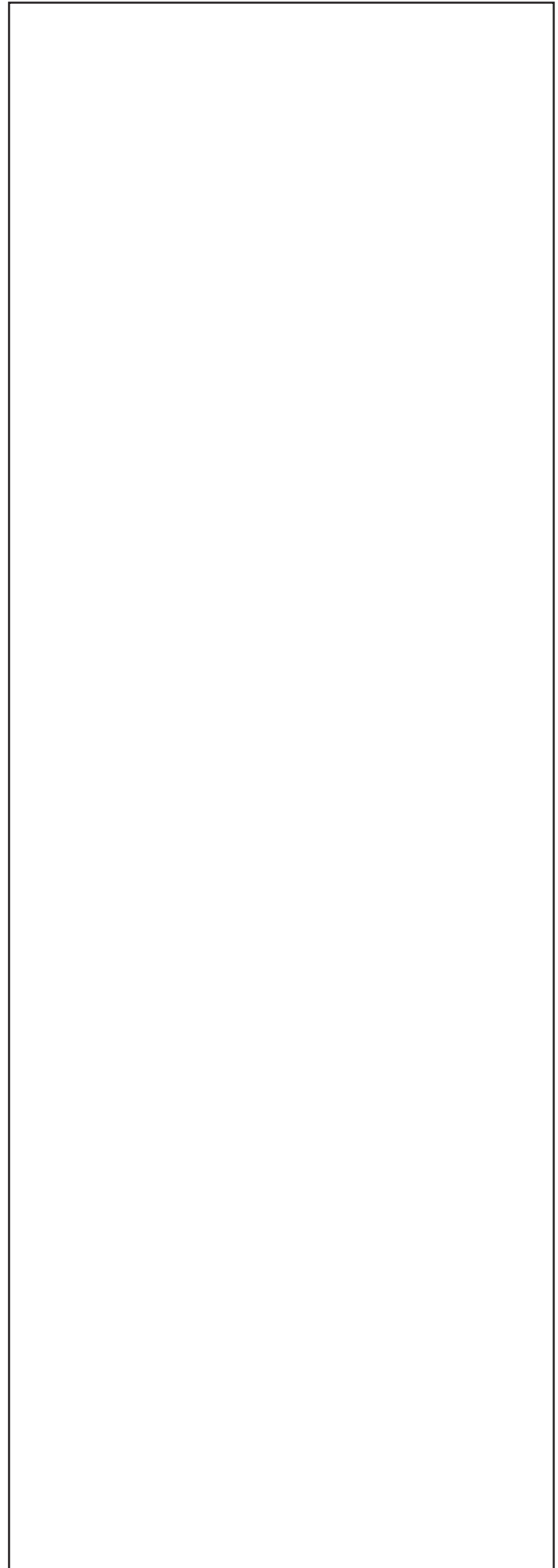
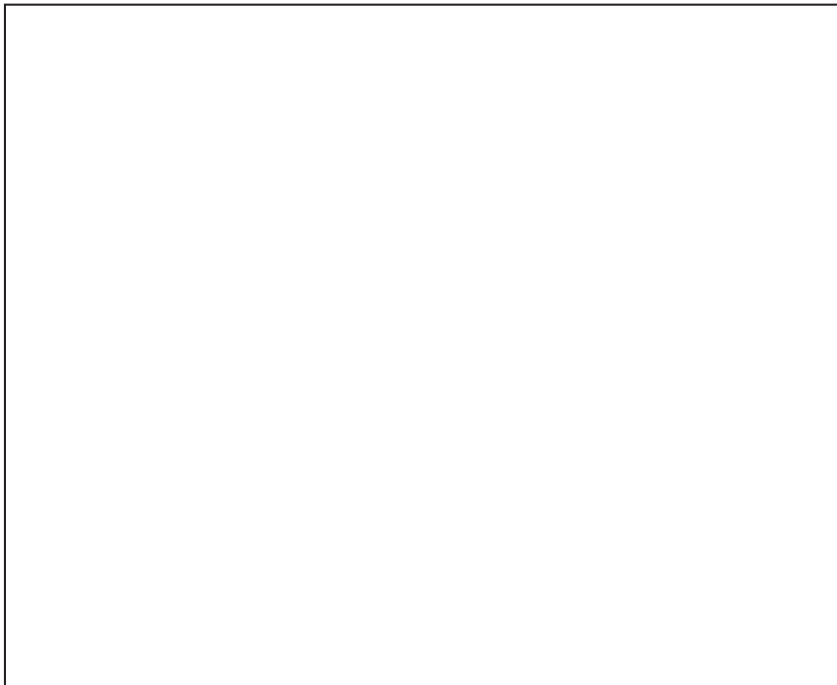
Experience has shown wing leadership that these guidelines are effective in maximizing "happy endings."

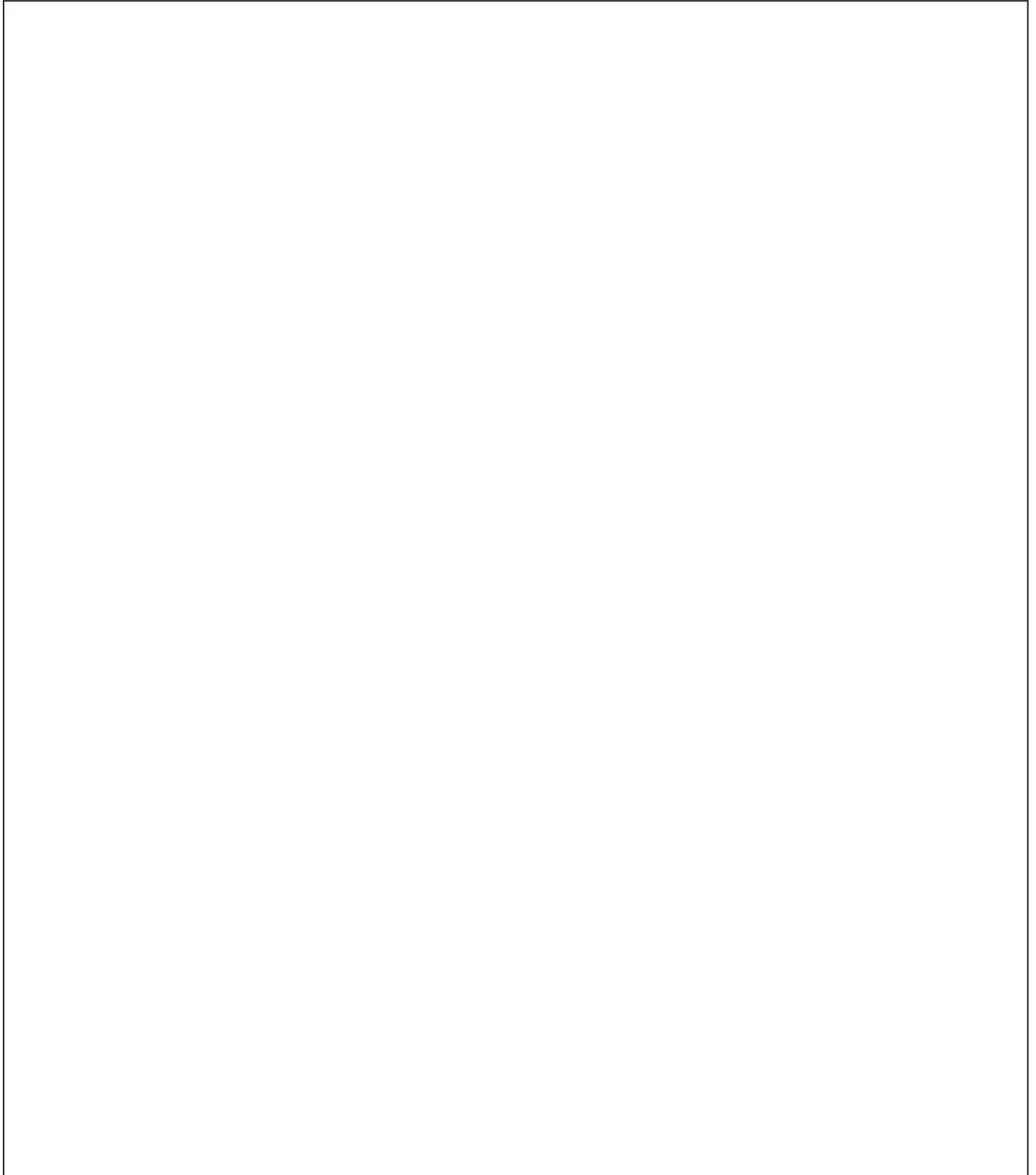
Copies of the 45th Space Wing Home Alone Policy are readily available at the Child Development Center and the Family Support Center or on the Website at: [https://www.patrick.af.mil/45LG/45CS/SCA/scaa/45SWPUBS/SW\\_PUBS/34SERIES/34-201.pdf](https://www.patrick.af.mil/45LG/45CS/SCA/scaa/45SWPUBS/SW_PUBS/34SERIES/34-201.pdf).

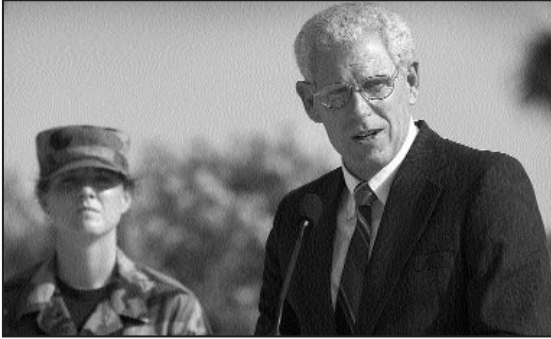
These guidelines, coupled with the American Red Cross Baby-sitter's Training Course, provide an excellent playbook to get through the 125 Critical Days of Summer.

The Red Cross is offering a baby-sitting class June 3 - 5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Family Support Center.

For more information or to register for the baby-sitter's training, call Scott Branham at 494-2402.







Melbourne Village mayor Robert Downey reads from a proclamation they presented to Patrick. Another presentation will be made today at Memorial Plaza. (Courtesy photo)

## Local community supports military

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Space Wing and local tenant units received high praise from its' good neighbors recently.

During the recent retreat ceremony in honor of Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok and deployed members sponsored by the Junior Enlisted Advisory Council held at Memorial Plaza, Melbourne Village Mayor Robert Downey presented Patrick with a proclamation.

Part of the proclamation, read by Melbourne Village Mayor Robert Downey said: "That we wholeheartedly support and appreciate the brave men and women of Melbourne Village and Brevard County serving in the United States military and wish them Godspeed in their dangerous missions and a safe return from harm's way."

According to Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, "It's community support like this that continues to make the Space Coast great."

Today, in Memorial Plaza at 5 p.m., a proclamation will be presented by Ronald Pritchard, Brevard County Commissioner, who will make a presentation on behalf of Brevard Board of County Commissioners at the retreat sponsored by the Air Force Technical Application Center. The proclamation will, "honor the men and women serving our country."

"Not only is Patrick a viable economic engine to our community but it's home to many military men and women," Commissioner Pritchard said.

Pritchard is a former Airman 1st Class and comes from a strong military family. His dad and father-in-law were injured during World War II.

"Patrick is just a big benefit to the community. They provide great support to military retirees, volunteering throughout our community and just hosted an incredible air show," Pritchard said. "Patrick is an outstanding asset to the Space Coast and vital to national defense."

The retreat ceremony, where the presentation will be made, will be today at 5 p.m. at Memorial Plaza.

"The local community supports Patrick incredibly," said Brig. Gen. Pavlovich. "When 9/11 took place, we had local community members dropping-off food because they knew how hard everyone was working."

"During Operation Iraqi Freedom, the biggest challenge locally was to tell people that we couldn't send everything they offered to the deployed troops," said Brig. Gen. Pavlovich. "The local support here is never ending!"

# School's out; summer safety emphasized

Ida Barry  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"No Dumb Stuff" is the mantra of Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, when it comes to safety.

May 1 started the 125 critical days of summer clock ticking. Experience has shown a significant increase in off-duty mishaps occurring during the summer months. The critical days of summer normally run from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. However, the 45th Space Wing aggressively pursued the safety campaign May 1 in an on-going effort to prevent serious mishaps or fatalities on-or off-duty and take the "critical" out of the 125 critical days of summer.

"This year's campaign initiative has each 45th Space Wing group and staff member competing against each other for best weekly mishap prevention initiative. It's aim is to emphasize to people that you care about them," said Tech. Sgt. Mark Noegel, 45th Space Wing ground safety apprentice

The goal of the safety program contest is to promote safety through teamwork. Groups are given the opportunity to come up with a different initiative each week of the campaign. Initiatives stress safety and reporting of incidents in a timely manner to the Safety Office. When an incident occurs the Safety Office conducts a mishap investigation to find out what happened and how further occurrences can be prevented.

The contest is based on point totals that each group racks up. Variable points are given for campaign initiatives in the areas of: operational risk management; drinking and driving initiatives; no reportable on-or off-duty incidents; no government vehicle mishaps; no DUIs; no seat-belt or motorcycle equipment wear and no late mishap reports.

Point totals are added up each week and at the end of the campaign the group accumulating the most points will be awarded \$10,000 in quality of life funds. Second through fourth-place winners will receive \$7,500, \$5,000 and \$2,500 respectively.

"Security Forces will routinely check for proper wear of seatbelts, motorcycle protective equipment and will give out citations if not in compliance," said Sgt. Noegel. "As a reminder, first offenders not wearing seatbelts walk for 30 days and second time repeaters lose their driving privileges for a year. This type of crackdown has been costly to 101 people not wearing their seatbelts in 2002."

Wing Safety officials emphasize that Brevard public schools end next week and children will be out in force on their skateboards and bikes and playing games on-or near roads in North and South Housing. Motorists must take responsibility and abide by the posted speed limits ensuring the streets are made as safe as possible for children to play on.

"The best practical way to make safety work is for everyone to take care of themselves and those around them," said Sgt. Noegel. "No matter what you plan to do this summer, everyone is encouraged to prepare for this high-risk season. Don't let inattention, speeding, alcohol, fatigue or fail-



School's out so drivers will need to keep a wary eye out for children. when driving in the local area. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)

ure to use seat belts and motorcycle protective equipment ruin your summer."

Awareness and prevention are key to managing the critical days of summer. The wing and Safety Office encourages everyone to enjoy the summer with family and friends - with safety in mind.

The wing is planning a series of events to add emphasis to safety awareness. Some of these events include speakers who have experienced motorcycle mishaps. Renowned motivational speaker Capt Pete Collins, retired Mississippi Highway Patrolman, will give an inspiring presentation. Senior wing leadership will be at the Patrick AFB and Canaveral AFS gates on Memorial and Labor Day issuing safety cards to motorists stressing safety and asking them to have a safe summer.



# AF members honor parents with "P" pins

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton

45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Chief Master Sgt. Tony Manson, 45th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt., ordered his parents the new "P" pins, known as "Parent" pins, the day the Air Force released them.

The program isn't just for chiefs, but anyone donning the Air Force uniform.

All uniformed airmen can sign their parents up to receive a new lapel pin. The "P" pin program is an offshoot of the "E" pin program that the Air Guard used to highlight employer's support.

Parents get more than a pin. A personalized letter from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper will accompany the pins.

"We could not protect America's freedom without the incredible people who are willing to carry on the Air Force tradition," the letter reads.

"This was a great way to say thanks to my parents," Chief Manson said. "It's not every day I could get them a note from the Air Force's top leadership. They haven't received it yet, but I think it's something they'll really cherish."

Manson said the program has a bright future. "Parents of Basic Trainee graduates will begin receiving the pins soon upon their son or daughter's graduation," Chief Manson said. "It will be used to show that their child is now a key part of the war on terrorism."

There's more to it than just saying thanks to parents though.

Brig. Gen. Edward Tonini, director of Your Guardians of Freedom, the Pentagon office responsible for the parent pin effort said, "Demographically, the people most likely to wear the pin with the greatest amount of pride — to church, to Rotary Club meetings or to the grocery store — are our parents.

"By wearing this pin, parents will let you know of the pride they have in you," Tonini said. "When they wear that pin, their friends will ask about it. Your parents will tell them about you and your service, and how proud they are of you."

It's easy for Patrick members to get the pins. They can simply go to the Patrick website, and click the replica of the pin on the right side of the page.



### Calling all officers

There is an officer and senior civilian call today, 3:30 p.m. at the Patrick Base Theatre.

### Take a class

Call the Family Support Center at 494-5675 for these classes:

Employment Orientation, Tuesday 9:30 a.m.-noon; Transition Assistance Workshop, Tuesday-Thursday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sponsorship Training Bldg 537 Room 1180, Wednesday 9 - 11 a.m.; Thrift Savings Plan Briefing, Friday noon-1 p.m.; Job Club, Friday 1-4 p.m.

### Heart link meets

There is a new addition to the Newcomers Orientation briefings every third Tuesday of the month called Heart Link. It is for spouses of military members who have been in five years or less. The next meeting is May 20, 7:30 a.m. at the NCO club. For questions or comments, contact Base Relocation Center at 494-2766.

### NCO retention program

Air force officials have announced the start of the fiscal year 03 non-commissioned officer retraining program.

The fiscal year 03 NCORP will target approximately 1,400 NCOs (Staff, Technical and Master Sgts.) to retrain from AFSCS with NCO overages to AFSCS with NCO shortages.

The voluntary phase of this program runs through June 6. Some restrictions apply, depending on grade and AFSC. Contact Staff Sgt. Harper or Tech. Sgt. Howard at 494-7834 for complete details.

### Heritage events

The Asian-Pacific American Heritage Luncheon will be May 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers' Club. The guest speaker is Dr. Minal Desai, 45th Medical Group. "Hideko" Japanese Dance Group and "Matzurisa" Taiko drums will provide entertainment.

Menu choices include: Tossed salad, sesame teriyaki pork spareribs or chicken stir fry or a vegetable plate with jasmine rice, stir fry vegetables, rolls, coffee, hot or iced tea and sherbet. Cost is \$12.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased before 10 a.m., May 19. Call Military Equal Opportunity at 494-6333 for ticket information.



### Appreciated spouse

Staff Sgt. Amber Brackett, 45th Mission Support Squadron, files Sheryl McMullen's fingernails during the May 2 Spouse's Appreciation Day. Six volunteers like Brackett performed more than 60 makeovers throughout the day at the Family Support Center. Meanwhile, the Child Development Center provided child care for 45 youngsters while more than 300 people enjoyed the evening's barbecue. (Photo by James Laviska)

### Enroll in VBS

The Patrick Chapel is holding Vacation Bible School at South Patrick Chapel June 2-6, 9 a.m.-noon. Age requirements are pre-school through 6th grade. Bus transportation is provided for Central and North Housing. For more information and to reserve a space, call 494-4073.

### Finance office closed

The 45th Comptroller Squadron Customer Service, Support and Liaison section operation hours are 7-11 a.m. May 30 for an official function.

Plan visits accordingly. For emergencies, contact the Command Post at 494-7001, or Lt. Andrew Gmytrasiewicz's beeper at 690-5933.

### Contribute to AFAP

It is not too late to contribute to Air Force Assistance Fund.

Contributions benefit Air Force Enlisted Foundation, Air Force Village Indigent Widows Fund, the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation and the Air Force Aid Society. Contact your Unit Project Officer or Major Chris Leavey at 494-7816 to donate.

### Legal hours restored

Beginning June 2, legal assistance is available for all eligible beneficiaries. Also, June 2, legal help is offered at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station for eligible beneficiaries. For information, contact the Legal Office at 494-7357.

### Volleyball tournament

There will be a company grade officer, family/friends barbecue and volleyball tournament May 24, 11 a.m. at the Officer's Club patio. Contact Lt. Elizabeth Hazelton at 476-2628 for more information.

### Boating safety class

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 42 offers a one-day boating safety course May 24, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. at the NCO club. Cost is \$40 per person, which includes all required material for this course. Call Bill Miller at 779-1459 or Jim McGuinness at 254-0540 for details.

### Vendor Expo held

Contracting will host a big Vendor Expo at the Imperial Hotel on I-95 and Wickham Rd June 3. Contact Lieutenant Gary Lehmann at 494-0449 for details.

# The Tallil 10

## *Old Iraqi AB serving as first helo depot*

By Maj. Dale E. Lewis  
920TH RESCUE WING

Ten maintainers deployed from the 920th Rescue Wing at Patrick Air Force Base, established the first Air Force maintenance operation

at Tallil AB, Iraq March 29.

The base, formerly part of Saddam Hussein's military machine, had been mostly unused since the first Gulf War because it was in Iraq's southern no-fly zone.

Facing primitive, dangerous conditions, these first maintainers arrived in full-combat gear. Fighting in nearby Al Nasiriyah and the surrounding area was still in full swing with the sounds of gunfire heard throughout the day and flashes from explosions in nearby Al Naseriyah seen at night.

The team quickly set up operations in an old, hardened aircraft shelter, and prepared the unit's "Jollys" (HH-60 helicopters specially equipped for combat search and rescue missions) to stand alert around the clock.

A week earlier, the Jollys had forward-deployed to Tallil, cycling back and forth from their main base south of Iraq with fresh crews and aircraft.

Once the decision was made to move into Tallil, the need for the Jollys' maintainers and aircrews to deploy and operate on a more permanent basis was clear. Additional teams of maintainers had been rotating in every few days, allowing those they replaced to return south for hot food, showers and clean clothes.

Tallil is the first major base in Iraq to have a large Air Force contingent. Currently more than 1,000 aircrew, maintenance, security forces and support professionals are working there.

However, at the end of March, it was still in an austere, bombed out and nearly bare-base condition. No housing, water, electricity or other essentials were available, other than those brought in by the U.S. and British forces as they arrived. Extensive work continues on the base to provide those necessities among others, as additional people, supplies, equipment and aircraft arrive almost daily. Improvements are being made to help coalition forces operate more effectively, safely and comfortably.

The 920th RQW is an Air Force Reserve unit based here. Its primary mission is combat search and rescue, capable of going in behind enemy lines to recover downed aircrews or stranded personnel. The unit also performs support duties for NASA's Space Shuttle and Air Force rocket launches and recoveries. Flying and maintaining both the HH-60 and HC-130 Hercules aircraft, many of the unit's members have been activated since Oct. 2001, and have been deployed to the region since Nov. 2000.



Tech. Sgt. Robert Succop helps ready a helicopter for a mission in Tallil AB, Iraq. The 920th maintainers set up the first maintenance shop in Iraq. (Air Force photo)



Airman 1st Class Justin Marks pops a hacky sack off of his foot during a spirited workout after a meal.

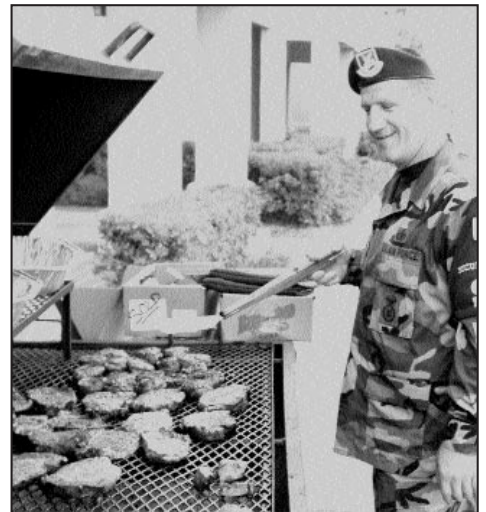
## Chapel, shirts host dorm cookout

Patrick's first sergeants and the chapel teamed up to sponsor a cook-out for dormitory residents May 1.

"We wanted to show the dorm residents they're special contributors to our mission," said Chief Master Sgt Tony Manson, 45th Space Wing command Chief Master Sgt.

The stomach-filling menu consisted of steaks, bratwursts, hamburgers, salads and numerous desserts.

"This wasn't just a shirts and chapel event, but a lot of people chipped in food or energy to make it happen," Chief Manson said.



Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Delebrea cooks up some steaks at the cookout. (left) Numerous residents turned out for the evening of steaks and burgers. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)





**Aqua warriors**

Naomi Parish leads an Aqua Aerobics class in Patrick's lap pool May 2 as part of Spouses' Appreciation Day. A number of events were held Friday and throughout the week. On tap today is a Squadron Fun Swim Relay in the Lap Pool and a Duathlon at the Cape. For more information about upcoming events see Pg. 14 or call Ms. Parish at 494-4534 or Cape Canaveral AFS's Chez Sanchez at 853-3966. (Photo by Marla Holbert)

**Standings**

AFTAC	10-0
CES-A	9-3
MDG	9-3
CSR/CUBE	8-4
Cape	8-4
NOTU	6-3
SFS	7-4
333rd RS	5-7
MSS	1-11
FBM OTSU	2-10
RANS	0-10

**Sports Council meets**

The Sports Advisory Council Meeting is at the Health and Wellness Center Classroom June 5.

According to Ralph Robinson, intramural director, all units are required to send a representative.

"We've got some great plans coming up but we need input from everyone to make the intramural program work," Mr. Robinson said.

A number of initiatives will be discussed as well as upcoming intramural sports.

For more information about the meeting, contact Mr. Robinson at 494-6697 or to appoint a sports representative or email Mr. Robinson.

**Training children for triathlons**

As a parent coach, try to instill the importance of competing in a triathlon. Keep it fun and constantly praise them for their efforts. Never pressure competition. If the child is struggling in completing a training session reward them for the distance they were able to complete and end the session by setting a goal a bit further than what they completed. Never push them to the point of exhaustion—that might lead to self-doubt and a stressful experience. Praise... Praise... Praise! Reward...Reward...Reward!

All participants must pre-register for the triathlon at the Patrick Youth Center or the Fitness & Sports Center by May 28. Pre-registered participants will receive a T-shirt and medal. Awards will be given for first, second and third place in each age group. For more information and to register, call 494-4947 or 494-3770.

**Hawaiian Luau**

Get out your favorite Hawaiian shirt and cool, grass skirts/muumuu to view "Andy Tahani & the Polynesian Review" at the Officers' Club's annual Hawaiian Luau. Menu consists of a Polynesian buffet featuring roast island pork with ginger, Mahi-Mahi, Polynesian Lauya shrimp, sushi rice and roasted pig. The evening's highlight will be a Hot Fire and Knife Show. Cost for this Hawaiian evening is \$17.95 per person. Show your club card for a membership discount. Call the club from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. for reservations.

**Vendors and volunteers needed**

The Engraving and Framing Center is seeking a vendor who can supply ceramic space shuttles. The center has shuttle molds available to the vendor. Call Nancy Wilberg or Sherrie Withrow at 494-4270 for

more information.

The center is also looking for instructors to teach a variety of arts and crafts classes for children and adults for the summer. Call 494-4270.

**Scholarships for members**

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

Current club members and their family members are eligible to

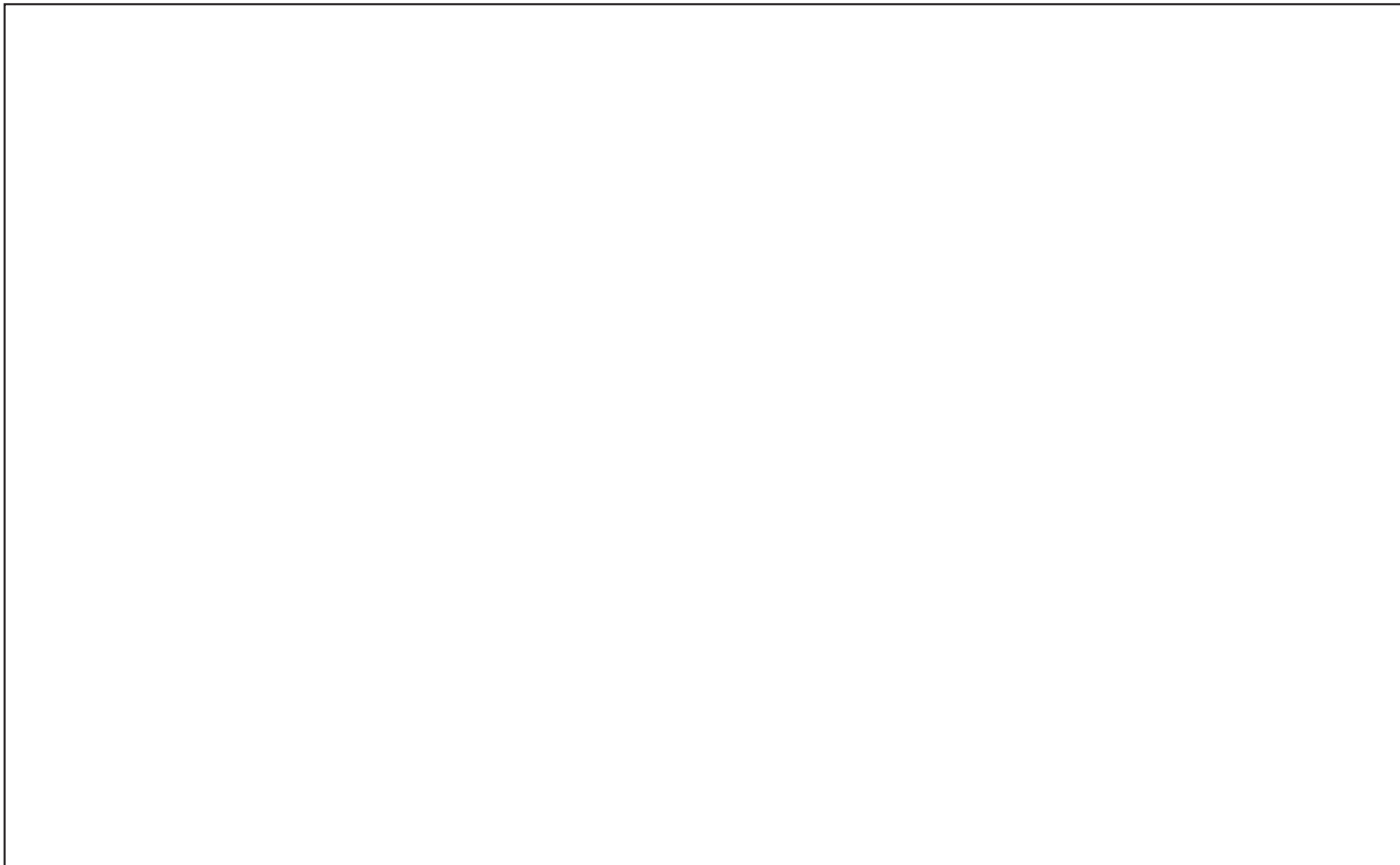
apply.

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

Six scholarships will be awarded: First prize \$6,000, second \$5,500, third \$4,500, fourth \$3,500, fifth \$3,000, and sixth \$2,500. Contact the Officers' Club at 494-4012 or the NCO Club at 494-7491 for more information.

**May Fitness Month Schedule**

May 19 & 21	6:30 - 7:30 a.m.	Wallyball challenge at PAFB Fit. Ctr.
May 19	10 a.m. - noon	Wallyball challenge at Cape Fit. Ctr.
May 22	11 a.m.	SWAP Walk
May 23	11 a.m.	Bike Criterion (10-mile bike ride) at Cape Canaveral and Patrick Fit. Ctrs.
May 28	6:30 a.m.	3-mile walk in observance of "Senior Citizens Day" at CCAFS
May 28	8:30 a.m.	3-mile walk in observance of "Senior Citizens Day" at PAFB.
May 29	Noon	Triathlon Safety Brief in the HAWC
May 30	11 a.m.	Mini Triathlon at PAFB Fitness Center
May 31	8 a.m.	Kids Triathlon PAFB Fitness Center



## Action Line: 494-6550

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

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

If you can't get your problem resolved through the agencies, contact the Action Line: e-mail, [action@patrick.af.mil](mailto:action@patrick.af.mil) or click global at Action Line – Patrick AFB; recorded message, 494-6550; mail, 45SW/PA 1201 Edward H. White II St, Ste C-130, Patrick AFB FL 32925-3237; fax, 494-7302. Address all correspondence “Attn: Action Line.”

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



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### Riverside Dining Facility Menu

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

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

**Sunday Brunch** - Chicken Parmesan, sauerbraten, tuna and noodles

**Sunday Supper** - Fried shrimp, #ginger barbecue chicken, #spinach lasagna

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

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

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

**Tuesday Dinner** - Barbecue beef cubes, #paprika beef, pork chop suey

**Wednesday Lunch** - Sukiyaki, teriyaki chicken, beef stir-fry, sweet 'n sour pork

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

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

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

**May 27 Lunch** - Beef and corn pie, pea and pepper rice, #seafood newburg, veal paprika steak

**May 27 Dinner** - Yankee pot roast, #simmered corn beef, pineapple chicken

Menu's are subject to change. Please call the dial-a-menu at 494-2845. Item with an "#" and in italics are healthy choice.



