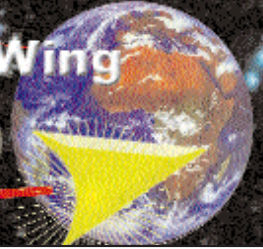


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Wing aims rocket for Mars

By Sue Walden
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Two NASA Mars Exploration Rovers lift off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station this month to examine the Red Planet for geological evidence of past water activity and prior environmental conditions hospitable to life.

MER A's launch is set for 2:05 p.m. Sunday from Pad 17-A aboard a Boeing Delta 7925 rocket. MER B launches June 25.

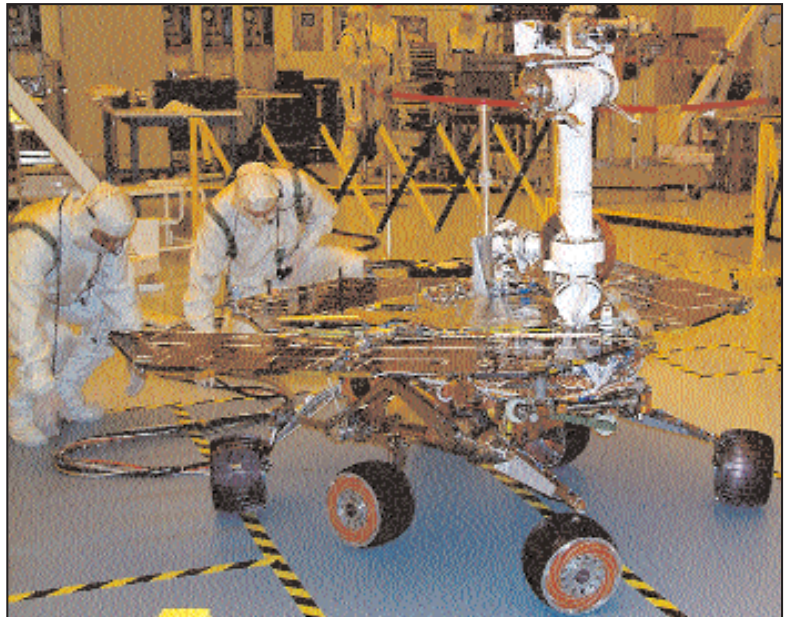
The twin robotic rovers will land on Mars' equator at opposite sides of the planet on crater sites that appear to have once held lakes.

Each 400-pound rover contains eight-tenths of an ounce of plutonium 238 for its heat source, but the radiological material is nothing for people in Brevard County to worry about, according to Randall Scott, Kennedy Space Center's radiation protection officer. "The amount is very small," he said. "We've done safety analyses, and if there was an accident the radiological dose is just a small percentage of the background cosmic radiation we're exposed to every year."

Lt. Col. Richard Speer, 45th Space Wing radiation protection officer, agrees. "Any land contamination above EPA standards would be limited to a .2 square mile area around the launch pad," he said. "No health consequences are expected from this launch."

In the unlikely event of a MER launch mishap, the person with the highest exposure would typically receive less than a few tens of a millirem, according to NASA officials. The average annual dose from naturally-occurring sources of radiation in the United States is about 300 millirem per year.

Launching a vehicle with radioactive material is not unusual. Thursday's liftoff is the 27th American launch in 40 years with the material on board. Most notably, all Apollo lunar landing



NASA scientists examine Mars Exploration Rover A before it heads to Mars. It's scheduled to lift off Sunday at 2:05 p.m. Its twin rover launches at the end of the month. Both are on a mission to find possible evidence of past water activity and prior environmental conditions that supported life. (Photo courtesy of NASA)

flights carried plutonium. "The most recent launch with radioactive material was in 1997 in which the Cassini mission to Saturn had 72 pounds on board," said Mr. Scott.

The plutonium is essential for the rovers' survivability. "Mars' daytime temperatures are about 50 degrees Fahrenheit, but cool to 150 degrees below zero at night," said Mr. Scott. The plutonium allows the heating units to keep the rovers' electronics from freezing during the night. "The rovers are solar powered so the sun charges up the batteries," said Mr. Scott. "The insulation helps the heat loss at night but it still needs help from the heating units."

The 1st Space Launch Squadron

team has been key in the mission, as they support hazardous operations that NASA launches.

"We review and approve all hazardous procedures and monitor hazardous operations involved in the build up of the rocket," said Lt. Col. Brad Broemmell, 1st SLS commander. They ensure Space Launch Complex 17 and the outlying areas are always ready to meet the nation's military launch requirements.

The team is proud to be a part of the MER mission. "It's a fantastic feeling to think that our facility will dispatch America's next robot to the red planet,"

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Outstanding is just the START!



By Gen. Greg Pavlovich
45TH SW COMMANDER

Greetings everyone! It's hard for me to believe today marks my one-year anniversary since my arrival back to the Space Coast.

What a great year it's been watching the greatest space wing in the world, along with our mission partners, perform our vital missions in defense of this wonderful nation. And the credit belongs all to you, the 11,500 people who make up our Space Coast community and the thousands of retirees who support us on a daily basis.

For those just arriving to Brevard County, I thought I'd highlight some of the top moments of the past year over the next few weeks to give you a feel for the type of organization you're joining, but more importantly, the super people you'll join working here. I believe they are the greatest work force anywhere in the Air Force and they prove it day in and day out. They spend many long hours doing tough, grueling and sometimes-thankless work, but they do it with a sense of pride and commitment unmatched anywhere.

Without a doubt, our biggest contribution as a community is our support of the war on terrorism and in Iraq. We've deployed hundreds of people to both engagements and, knock on wood, every person who's returned has come home safe and sound. But it's by no means over. The wing sends at least 50 more people overseas in July while the 920th Rescue Wing continues to rotate people.

On the home front, we've launched incredibly important payloads from Cape Canaveral AFS in the last year. This includes two Global Positioning Satellites, a MILSTAR and a Defense Support Communications System satellite. All of these systems played an immeasurable role fighting the war on terrorism and winning the war in Iraq. It was the launch experts of the 45th Space Wing and its mission partners that made it all happen. It's a source of pride for Air Force Space Command and something everyone here can feel proud.

In the last year we've also ushered in the next chapter of assured access to space with the first two missions of both Boeing's Delta IV and Lockheed's Atlas V rockets. With updated and modern technology saving the government millions with each launch, these two rockets are the nation's workhorses for space lift for the next 40 years. It was the Space Coast community that

ensured the legacy for both rockets started with total and complete success stories.

The bottom line is the Space Coast communities' success story is one with numerous chapters and a living legacy unrivaled anywhere. I'm proud to be associated with it and I hope you are too!

I received a super note I wanted to share with you. If it doesn't describe the super people in our community, I have no idea what does. The letter is from Mr. Ric Boswell of Valdosta, Ga., and it states:

"I would like to take a few minutes to thank the personnel at Patrick Air Force Base. This past weekend I was traveling from Georgia to Patrick to help my daughter, Mindy Faust, move into a larger home on base. Mindy was undertaking the responsibility of moving while her husband Jud Faust is deployed in Kuwait. I had concluded the only way to accomplish this task was to hire help. To my pleasant surprise when I arrived, I found 25 unsolicited officers, enlisted members and their dependents had accomplished the task. My understanding is someone put out an e-mail and they showed up ready and able.

"These men and women moved Mindy in two hours. I give you all a big SALUTE and thank you from the bottom of my heart. With folks like you I will not worry quite as much about my daughter and grandchildren. P.S. Jud is in the Army, which really shows true esprit de corps among the armed services."

Needless to say, a sense of pride swept over me after reading it, but truthfully, not a feeling of surprise. I wouldn't expect anything less from the great people of our community. While maybe not an all-inclusive list, I did find out the following people had a hand in helping with Mrs. Faust's move.

So to Master Sgt. Tim and Chris Neils, Senior Airman Sammy Hendrix, Capt. David and Juanita Zavala, Senior Master Sgt. Juan and Kelly Vega, Jeffery and Maggie Decker, Technical Sgt. David Mayall, Master Sgt. Ron Surovec, Airman 1st Class Melissa Fepuleai, Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thompson, Master Sgt. Chuck Eldridge, Tech. Sgt. Fred Barnhardt, Airman 1st Class William Lloyd, Jr., Capt. David Del Prado, Master Sgt. Tim Lacey and Capt. Susan Romano, thanks for taking time out of your life to make someone's a little easier. You are a super example of what makes our military community great. **OUTSTANDING JOB!**

I know I mentioned it last week and you can read about it on Page 1, but best of luck to our 1st Space Launch Squadron and the entire Delta II team as they support NASA's historic Mars mission slated for launch Sunday.

This is NASA's first significant launch since

Columbia and I know everyone has worked hard and is wishing them the best. I know the wing and all of its mission partners' are ready and millions are standing by waiting to cheer. For all the students, tomorrow they'll be announcing the names of the two rovers that will land on Mars in January 2004, so be looking for that. Best of luck to the entire NASA and Delta II teams!

I'd like to thank ahead of time the Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee for sponsoring the Top 3's annual adult enlisted picnic for E-1 through E-6's next Friday at the NCO Club. Annually, the MAC raises money from the community through fundraisers and sponsors events for the enlisted corps such as next week's summer enlisted picnic and holiday dinners for young airman. It just reconfirms our local community support is like nowhere else in the Air Force.

I'd like to thank Leslie Ritter, the MAC chairperson, and the entire 100-business member MAC for doing this for our hard working enlisted corps. Along with them and the Top 3, our first sergeants, Chief's Group and commanders are helping out for the afternoon.


I want to let all supervisors know that their enlisted members, unless needed for mission critical jobs, are released to attend the picnic starting at 11 a.m. If you are an enlisted member, I encourage you to attend the picnic and bring your spouse or adult friend. You'll have a great time.

America's pride in its military forces is soaring. One example is a Web site that links to dozens of sites that offer discounts for us at hotels, theme parks and more. Check it out at www.military.com/Deals/Deals.

If you haven't heard, we've received enough of our doctors and technicians back from deployments that we can bring back all of our TRICARE Prime beneficiaries, including all retirees under 65 years old and their families. This means you can start calling June 18 for an appointment. Our over 65 retirees on TRICARE Plus are scheduled to be seen again at the clinic Aug. 18.

The same holds true for our legal office. They are now providing retiree services as they were prior to all of our deployments. Please pass the word around the military community since those folks have earned the right to use these services. I appreciate the support from our retiree population that was very understanding during the intense spring we had with all of our deployments.

Have a great weekend everyone and keep our folks overseas in your prayers. Take care and God bless!

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Beach alert: Tourists not only ones on seashore

By Maj. Cindy East
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Now through Oct. 31, up to 500 adult female loggerhead sea turtles are swimming back to Patrick, Cape Canaveral AFS and Brevard County beaches, making the familiar sand tracks onto the beach to lay their eggs at night.

"We also get green turtles here starting in mid-June," said Angy Chambers, 45th Civil Engineer biological scientist. "They nest throughout Florida and the numbers vary from year-to-year, but last year was a high year, meaning this will be a low year."

The third species that visits this area is the leatherback sea turtle. They're the largest of the three and can weigh up to 2,000 pounds.

"People compare them to the size of a Volkswagon bug," said Ms. Chambers. "They're rare in Florida but we had five leatherback nests at the Cape this year, which is really good, as some years we don't get any."

"Adult loggerhead turtles lay around 3,000 nests and we count and monitor every tenth nest until it hatches between 55 and 70 days later," said Don George, 45th Civil Engineer natural and cultural resource manager. "Then we excavate the nest cavity to inventory the contents and that's how we know on average how many eggs there are per nest."

One female loggerhead lays between three to five nests per sea-

son with an average of 100 eggs per nest. Green turtles average between 130 to 140 eggs, and leatherbacks lay around 60 fertile eggs first, with an additional 40 to 50 unfertilized eggs on top of those.

The leatherback and green sea turtles are both federally listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The loggerhead is listed as threatened.

"Leatherbacks almost never get hit by raccoons because they dig their nests so deep," said Ms. Chambers. "We try to keep the predation rate under 20 percent by trapping and removing raccoons, which are the major predator of sea turtle eggs."

Before the 45th Civil Engineer Environmental Flight instituted the raccoon-trapping program on the Cape, raccoons were attacking about 98 percent of all the nests, according to Mr. George, who initiated the program.

"Patrick AFB may get three raccoon hits per year, if that, but they have more of a problem with lighting and disorientation due to the beach nourishment project which elevated and widened the beach making more lighting visible," said Ms. Chambers. "The Air Force has spent an enormous amount of money making the lights at both installations more sea turtle-friendly."

Turtles are attracted to bright white lights, which disorient the hatchlings trying to make it to the ocean by following light reflecting off the ocean waves.

"We do lose nests each year to dis-



Martha Carroll (from left), Lynda Dawe and Angy Chambers from 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, cover up a sea turtle nest at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station that was preyed upon by raccoons. (Photo by Maj. Cindy East)

orientation, but not nearly as many as before the Air Force changed the lights to an amber color," said Ms. Chambers. "We're required to keep the total number of nests lost to disorientation under two percent per year."

"Our goal is to make sure at least 50 percent of our nests are successful and we exceed that with around 60 percent per year," said Mr. George. "We are global leaders with the most successful light management program in the world, enabling us to produce up to one-half million hatchlings per year."

"With our hatchling success, when you look at all the threats to hatch-

lings reaching adulthood, getting them off the beach is a very good leg up," said Mr. George.

Be careful on beaches

- ▶ Watch out for sea turtle hatchlings during peak hatching time, between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m.
- ▶ Don't approach sea turtles.
- ▶ Avoid using flashlights or flash photography.
- ▶ Leave nests alone and don't disturb or remove stakes used as nest markers.
- ▶ Avoid mounds or small raised areas.

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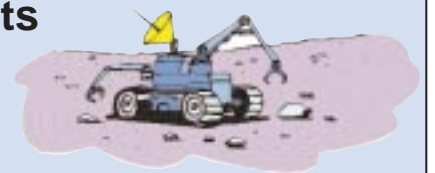
he said. "That's just one of the joys of working in the 1st SLS. Not only do we launch the world's premier navigation system (global positioning systems), but we've been associated with some of the country's most exciting space launch missions, such as Mars Odyssey, Genesis and Deep Space-1."

The U.S. Air Force has a 53-year unblemished launch safety record in which not a single person on the ground has been injured by an unmanned launch.

For more information about the rovers and their mission, log onto www.nasa.gov.

MER Fast Facts

- ▲ MER A parachutes to an airbag-cushioned landing Jan. 4, 2004, at Gusev Crater, 15 degrees south of Mars' equator.
- ▲ MER B lands at Meridiani Planum, two degrees south of the equator.
- ▲ The rovers' missions will last 90 martian days (92 Earth days).
- ▲ Rocks and soils will be analyzed with a set of five geology instruments on each rover and a special rock abrasion tool to expose fresh rock.
- ▲ Using images and measurements received daily from the rovers, scientists will command the vehicles to go to rock and soil targets of interest and evaluate their composition and texture at microscopic scales.
- ▲ The rovers can travel up to 100 meters (about 110 yards) per martian day.



Wing to announce contractor for South Housing next week

By Capt. Susan A. Romano
45TH SPACE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

(Editor's note: In the event of a Congressional delay in the housing announcement, the first Town Hall meeting will take place the day after the rescheduled press conference.)

The 45th Space Wing, in cooperation with the City of Satellite Beach, will hold a press conference Monday to announce the contractor for the \$92.4 million housing privatization project in Patrick's South Housing area.

The four-year, multi-phased contract will convey 960 units and 274 acres of land to the private developer in a 50-year deal. The contractor will be responsible for renovating 204 units, replacing 348 units and demolishing the remainder.

In 1996, a Department of Defense initiative was enacted to establish a goal of eliminating inadequate Air Force family housing by the year 2007. That aggressive goal cannot be met with typical mil-

itary construction dollars, so the Air Force has increased the privatization efforts to accomplish that goal.

"My goal is to make this as seamless as possible for our military families," said Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th SW commander. "We are taking post World War II housing and converting it into state-of-the-art, modern and spacious living quarters. It's a win-win situation for everyone involved."

Patrick AFB is one of 10 bases chosen under the privatization pilot project, according to Caroline Jamba, Patrick's housing manager.

"The difference between Patrick and the other nine pilot projects is that we are going to be a member of a limited liability company and an invested partner with the developer," Ms. Jamba said.

The plan calls for South Housing residents to move only once and the process of building and moving into new homes will be done in phases.

"Our goal is to move a family only once," said Melisse Dumont, privatization program manager.

"However, in rare instances, it may be necessary



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

Town Hall Meetings



- ✍ Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Base Theater
- ✍ June 12, 7 p.m.
Youth Center

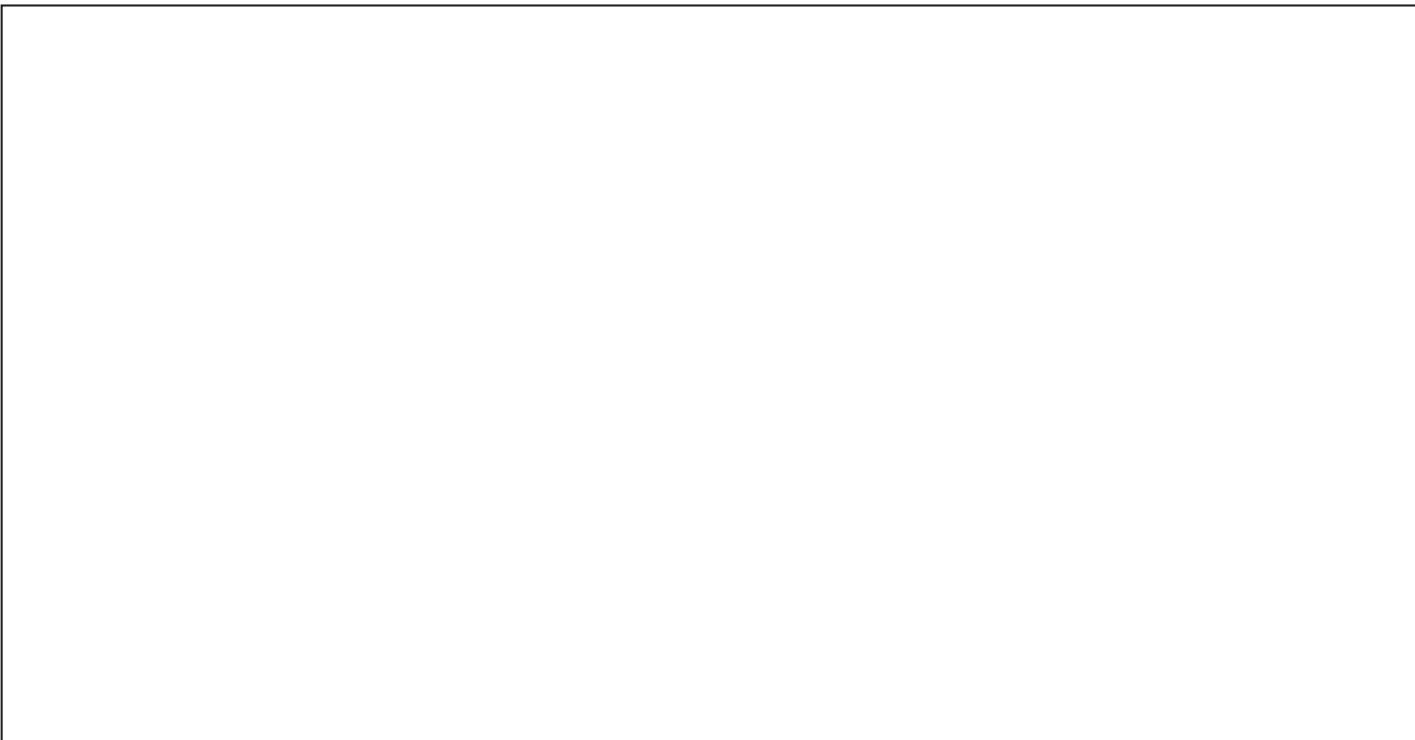
to move more than once. We will take every situation on a case-by-case basis."

Housing representatives have scheduled Town Hall meetings to answer housing residents' questions about the project. The first Town Hall meeting is Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Base Theater. A follow-on meeting is 7 p.m., June 12 in the Youth Center Gymnasium, with additional meetings to be scheduled in the near future.

"We encourage all housing residents to attend one of the Town Hall meetings because we plan to address a lot of concerns our families may have," Ms. Jamba said.

"We will have representatives from the Housing Office, Finance and the private contractor to answer any questions residents may have."

Call 494-4032 for more information.



AFTAC aces inspection

By Tech. Sgt. Bill Lindner

AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Months of preparation paid off for the men and women of the Air Force Technical Applications Center. The organization received a 98 percent compliance rating during the unit compliance inspection conducted May 19-23 by the Air Combat Command Inspector General Team. Units do not receive an overall grade for a UCI. Instead, individual areas are graded separately for compliance and non-compliance.

"The inspectors were impressed," said AFTAC commander Col. Craig Bendorf. "The IG team said if we were given a rating, it would be excellent to outstanding."

The ACC IG team of 36 inspectors, led by IG team chief Col. John Diggins, inspected 155 areas throughout AFTAC. Col. Diggins echoed Col. Bendorf's comments.

"The AFTAC inspection went extremely well," said Col. Diggins. "Col. Bendorf is providing solid leadership and his people are highly motivated. Morale is high and AFTAC members exhibit strong pride in their unit."

With such positive results, there were many individual and unit highlights dur-

ing the inspection.

"The IG team recognized 43 superior performers," said Col. Bendorf. "They also identified four Best Practices and gave out six team awards. The inspectors said they couldn't remember when another unit received so many team awards in a UCI."

It was no accident that AFTAC was ready for the inspection. Preparation had actually begun long before Senior Master Sgt. Mark Lambert took over as AFTAC IG chief in January.

"When I got the job we already had a good team established," said Senior Master Sgt. Lambert. "The inspection was supposed to be last September but was postponed, and since then we've kept up with our self-inspections and conducted staff assistance visits to make sure we stayed ready."

Senior Master Sgt. Lambert attributed the UCI success to the efforts of the people in AFTAC's directorates.

"There was a point of contact in each directorate. The inspection went well because we were able to leave the preparation in the hands of these experts," he said. "Each of them did an outstanding job."

Wing readies for junior enlisted picnic

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton

45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The proverbial red carpet is being cleaned and dusted off, as it's readied to be rolled out to all the junior enlisted military members in the area at the adult Junior Enlisted Picnic June 13 at the NCO Club.

"The picnic is designed as a day for commanders, chiefs, first sergeants and supervisors to serve lunch and drinks to their troops," said Chief Master Sgt. Tony Manson, 45th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant.

"Let's face it, the junior enlisted are the hearts and lungs of our military, and this event is set aside for them," he said.

The party is set to kick off at 11 a.m. poolside at the NCO Club.

There will be free food and drinks served by supervisors with plenty of music to set the tone. There are also a number of door prizes to be given away donated by area businesses.

For at least the last 10 years, the picnic has been a joint effort between Patrick's Top-3 organization and the Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce's Military Advisory Council.

While the senior enlisted provide a lot of the manpower for the picnic, the MAC has

a number of members volunteering, MAC also gives more than \$1,500 to cover the miscellaneous items not donated. They also provide about \$3,000 of beverages and door prizes, according to Debra Reberry, the MAC chairperson of the Junior Enlisted Picnic.

"This is what MAC is all about. We're a council of the chamber, a voluntary group of individuals dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community by promoting a better relationship between the civilian and military communities," Ms. Reberry said. "This is one of many things the MAC is involved with."

She said the MAC also supports a number of programs, including the community service award program and military honor guards.

The MAC also solicits donations of door prizes, beverages and food. "We have a number of folks out in the community who are a part of MAC or community members who donate prizes or products."

Reberry added that the picnic is one of many ways that the community says thank you to the military.

"We appreciate all that the Armed Forces does for our community and the United States and this is just our way of saying thanks," Ms. Reberry said.

Patrick A1C gets orders to be cadet

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Airman 1st Class Daniel Boyd, one of the most recent enlisted members selected to attend the Air Force Academy, sure listens to his elders.

The 45th Civil Engineer Squadron structures specialist just received word that he's been accepted to the Air Force Academy Preparatory School, where after one year he'll enter the academy. He'll report in mid-July.

The road to the academy started when his dad, a Navy member for 11 years, told him that he should look at the Air Force versus the Navy. "My dad saw the difference in the way of life and really pushed the Air Force," Airman 1st Class Boyd said.

Once he followed dad's advice and was in the Air Force at Patrick, he discovered his dad was right and he really liked the Air Force way of life.

He thought he'd push things and see about getting a commission through the Reserve Officer Training program through area colleges.

Like an Air Force textbook, his supervisors put their arms around his shoulder and guided him towards the academy.

"At his age and the level he's at just being a high school graduate and seeing his motivation level, we felt like the Academy would be a great challenge and an opportunity for him to excel," said Staff Sgt. Jason Ledbetter, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron member and Airman 1st Class Boyd's supervisor.

"He just met all the requirements and he can get it out and be done with it. This way he can totally focus on his education."

Of course, Airman 1st Class Boyd listened to his elder and pursued the Air Force Academy.

"ROTC would be nice, but the Air Force Academy would develop more areas of my life," Airman 1st Class Boyd said.



Airman 1st Class Daniel Boyd, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, smooths out a welding project he's been working on. He's headed for the Air Force Academy where he'll start in mid-July. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)

It didn't take long for word to come back that he was part of the 10 percent of Air Force members applying to the academy who are accepted.

Airman 1st Class Boyd proved though that he can think for himself and doesn't always have to

rely on his elders. He asked for a year at the Air Force Academy Preparatory School before entering the academy.

"I wanted to make sure I was scholastically ready," he said.

When he comes out of the academy in five years, he'll have experiences and successes few of his graduating peers will be able to relate to.

Ten days after arriving here, he found himself wearing a desert battle-dress uniform and packing an M-16 rifle heading for the desert where he soon found himself building a tent city.

Ninety days later, he found himself back at Patrick and three months behind on his career development course. That really hindered him, as he jumped in and finished them in 10 months, a near record time.

Airman 1st Class Boyd's route to the Air Force wasn't typical either. Unlike many of his peers who are children of movers and shakers, and either went to top public or private schools, his parents home-schooled him.

"It was a good experience," he said. "Socially, I was fine since they ran a campground and there were 200 people there and academically, they really pushed me."

Owing the Air Force six years after graduation doesn't bother him. He will have to get rid of many of his belongings and live a life of a Spartan as he's yelled at and groomed for the next five years.

He trusts his elders. They say he'll do fine.

Children's physicals available

Don't forget childrens' school and sports physicals. To avoid the rush contact the 45th Medical Group appointment line at 494-8241, Mon. through Fri. from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., to schedule an appointment.

Physicals are required for all children entering kindergarten, students enrolling in Brevard County schools for the first time and all school sports activities.

Bring the sports and physical forms and child's immunization record to the appointment.

Come to BBQ

Enjoy an evening at the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Saturday, with a barbecue from 4-8:30 p.m.

The menu features beef, pork and chicken, plus corn and salads. Tickets are \$25, available at Mainly Lobster, 210 N. Orlando Avenue in Cocoa Beach, 799-4700; and Village Perks, 10 Oleander Street in Cocoa call 638-0038. Arrangements for tickets can also be made by calling 868-6502.

Due to security considerations, transportation will be provided to the barbecue from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Pass & ID building starting at 4 p.m. All attendees must have a ticket and photo ID, be a U.S. citizen and at least 16 years old. Tickets are limited.

Get vehicles registered

Security Forces reminds people that vehicles must be registered and a current decal affixed to their windshields. This Air Force policy applies to all Department of Defense identification cardholders who work or frequent the base. Call Pass and Registration at 494-3545 for more information or visit Building 577 adjacent the main gate.

Legal office closed

The legal office will be closed Mon. and Tues. due to a staff assistance visit. For emergency assistance, contact the command post at 494-7001.

Orientation held

There will be a Public Key Infrastructure/Common Access Cards (new ID cards) Awareness Orentation this week to provide base personnel with concepts of PKI/CAC and how it works.

Each session is approximately 45 min-

utes long. All personnel elegeble for a CAC are highly encouraged to attend one of these presentations, even if a person doesn't have a CAC yet. Sessions are:

Wed. - 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m. at the Patrick Theater.

Thurs. - 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m. at the Patrick Theater.

Thursday - 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m. at the Cape Canaveral AFS E&L Conference Room

June 13 - 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. at the Cape Canaveral AFS E&L Conference Room

For PKI questions call 2nd Lt. Jeff Regan at 494-5766. Call 2nd Lt. Kim Olmsted at 494-4252 for information about CAC issues.

Boating safety offered

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 46 offers a one-day boating safety program from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., June 21 at Lee Wenner Park, Cocoa. Cost is \$35 per person and includes all materials and lunch.

It covers state and federal boating regulations, navigation aids and more. The course is National Association of Safe Boating Law Administration approved. Call 453-7409 or e-mail ghill5@cfl.rr.com for more information.

TREA meets

The Retired Enlisted Association Freedom Chapter 117 meets June 19, (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 Maynard Robinson at 750-1081, or e-mail mrobinson@cfl.rr.com for further information.

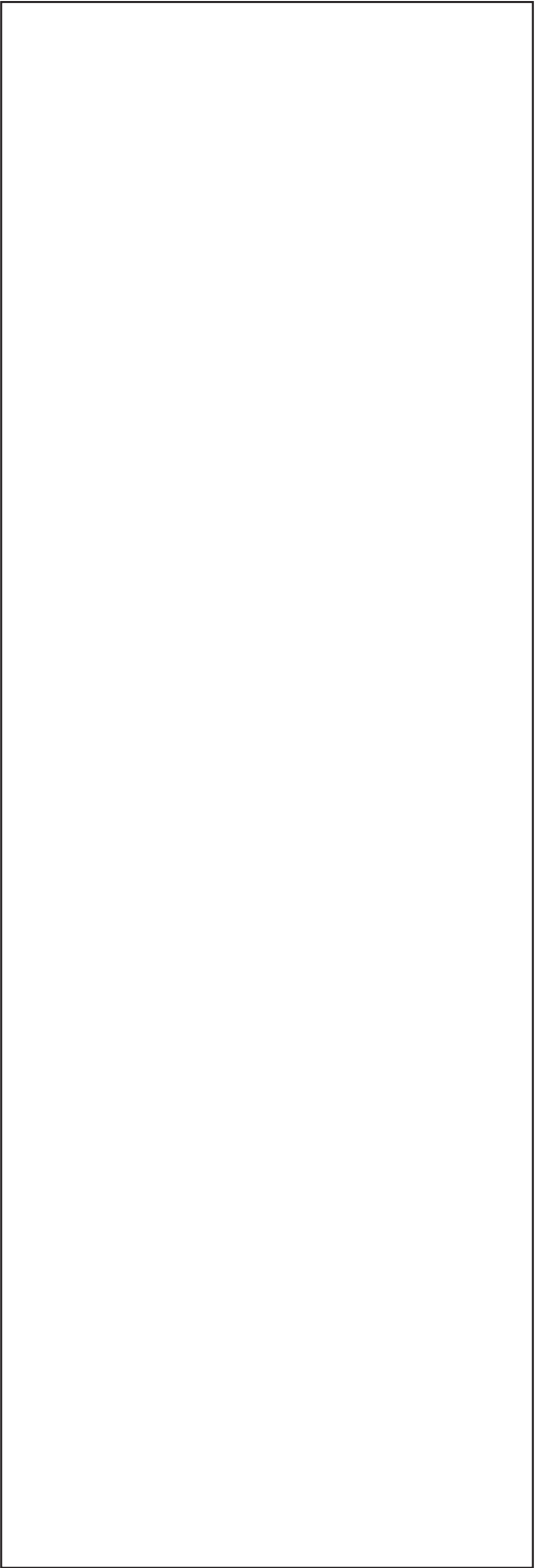
Boating safety class

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 42 offers a one-day boating safety course June 28, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at NCO Club at Patrick AFB. 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.

Wives club meets

The Retired Officer's Wives meets at Patrick Officers' Club, June 27 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. For reservations, call one of the following by June 25: Dean Pittman 777-3044, Elsa Doddington 773-6905, Britta Kuhlman 773-8793.



Services wins big at Space Command *Unit takes 6 out of 9*

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

It's become something of a wing tradition. Every year, the Air Force Space Command Services awards roll around and the 45th Services Squadron wins big.

The only question always is, how much are they going to win.

This year, the Officers' Club, Enlisted Club, Youth Program, Golf Program, Resource Management Flight and the Information, Ticket and Tours Program were all deemed best in the command.

Some of these programs are regular winners.

The Officers' Club has won at command-level for eight years running, but the customers don't have to worry about the club staff kicking back and resting.

"We're looking at Air Force level and trying to figure out what it's going to take to go to the next level," said Johnny Rivera, Officers' Club manager.

However, Mr. Rivera knows what sets the club apart. "We've got a great team that really takes care of people and the staff here has the heart and desire to please. The people here care."

Their commander said it was an improvement for them over last year.

"We did better than last year and to win six of the nine areas we competed for sends a great signal to the rest of the Air Force about Services here at the 45th Space Wing," said Lt. Col. Jack Sproul, 45th Services Squadron commander.

He said one of the keys for the unit's win was the teamwork throughout the unit.

"Our success comes from the great teamwork everyone shows each and every day," said Lt. Col. Sproul. "We could not do it without all our very dedicated and hard working team members."



Bill McCaffrey, a guest at the Manatee Cove Golf Course Wednesday, drives one down the 10th fairway. Air Force Space Command announced that the golf program was once again the best in command. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)



Lynne Phillips, 2003 Air Force Space Command's Services Senior Civilian Specialist, helps some teens make a banner for the Extreme Summer program at the Youth Center Tuesday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)

Despite adversity, Phillips keeps going and winning

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It's not often that the signs on an individual's wall succinctly express their priorities as do Lynne Phillips, 2003 Air Force Space Command's Services Senior Civilian Specialist.

Even she admits that they pretty well wrap things up.

"If you talk about my faith, family, Alabama and Bear Bryant, that pretty well wraps things up," Ms. Phillips quips.

That's probably the understatement of the decade, about like saying if you understand airplanes, you understand the Air Force.

Besides, it really wouldn't be socially acceptable to put a plaque saying, "My husband is dying of cancer but I'm still working hard with Patrick's kids." That might be more accurate than the cute plaques, but it would say a lot about Ms. Phillips.

No whining

Two signs: "Quit your belly aching" and "Thou shalt not whine" don't apply to her since she's never belly ached nor whined that anyone can recall.

Four years ago, her husband of 33 years, Glenn was diagnosed with brain stem cancer and given two years to live.

They were faced with a multitude of decisions, including if she was going to go on working. After a discussion, they decided she would keep working.

"That would have been preparing for him to die, and we wanted to keep preparing for him to live," she said.

Despite the challenges as they've worked to keep his world flowing, few have ever heard a negative word leave Ms. Phillips lips.

Bible verses

Several signs have spiritual themes like "Amazing Grace" and several Bible verses.

Ms. Phillips doesn't shy away from her faith. "I am a Christian," she says boldly. "Christ died for me and my sins and I have a relationship with him."

She points to her faith as what keeps her humble and gets her through the tough times.

"Christ is my strength," she says, and

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when you hear the conviction she voices, you know it's more than a cliché to her.

Bear Bryant

Above the grandchildren's pictures is Alabama college football coaching icon Paul "Bear" Bryant, along with a quote about working hard and being rewarded.

"If you look at the values that Bear Bryant exemplifies, they're what makes our Youth

Center great," Ms. Phillips said. "If you work hard, prepare well, you'll be rewarded. That's what we try to do here is work real hard with the kids and the rewards will come."

The rewards do come to the Youth Center. It has probably won more awards than the Bear won National Championships.

"It's all about the kids," Ms. Phillips said. She doesn't point to being the first accredited Youth Center in the Air Force, nor winning Best in Air Force, but her success stories begin with things Air Force packages can't convey. "There was this one kid..." and "This family was having

some challenges."

"Isn't that what working here is all about," she asks. "About the kids?"

Ms. Phillips does love the kids. She can share different victories in teen's lives and happily reports that two college students she'd helped mold just stopped by. However, there's one victory she savors even above the kids.

Her husband has good weeks and bad, but they're still able to look in each other's eyes and savor the days together. It's something that surely brings a smile to her face.

O'Club manager stays in motion

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton
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It's no surprise that Officers' Club manager Johnnie Rivera won AFSPC's award for civilian manager of the year. What will be surprising is if they ever manage to catch up with him long enough to give it to him.

The Harley Davidson driving club manager is always on the move. His whole life is designed for speed. He's got a change of clothes on the back of his office door just in case he needs to upgrade his clothing for a formal event, or in case he spills something. Of course, the tie is already tied so he can quickly slip it over his head. Presto, he's ready to go.

What's the high-octane fuel that drives this dynamo?

He's at work, but limping after a Harley vs. possum accident with scratches on his hairline, a blackened right eye and a bandage on his right leg. Not only is he at work, but he's finally getting a breather after a rigorous 18-hour-a-day weekend that had him juggling three functions on Saturday night that included one of the East Coast's largest air show parties, a wedding reception and a wedding anniversary. The previous Sunday he was a key figure in hosting more than 100,000 guests at the air show.

Mr. Rivera said his energy source is simple. "I just love people. I feed off of them and their energy."

He quickly passes credit for the award to the people around him. "I've got an incredible staff from the dishwasher to the club manager," he said. "Then, we've got the greatest customers in the world here and the 45th Services Squadron team around us is just amazing in itself.

"But my club staff just continually awes me. They don't know how to say no to customers and they're always striving to please them."

Success at work has its cost at home though. Rivera said he doesn't get to see his wife, nor his three children as much as he'd like.

Sometimes, it's the same staff and customers that push him home.

"He'd told me about his daughter's graduation and I told him he'd better be on time," said Terri Dick, wife of former 45th Space Wing vice

commander Col. Sameul Dick.

"There's always one more thing for him to finish, so I told him I was going to be there with my dad. I was there, I looked at the clock, found him, and told him it was time to go." She ended up making sure he was dressed and ready to go.

"I took him out and put him on his motorcycle and he left." Her husband has been in the military for 22 years and she says that the Patrick Officers' Club is the best, due to Mr. Rivera. "He knows everyone's name and their families, and often their life stories."

Mr. Rivera mentions that he's got his shortcomings, namely that he doesn't know how to balance all the challenges of work and family. "I'm not sure I know the successful formula for balancing it all," he said, running his hand through his close-cropped hair.

"I love being here. This isn't work to me. I love my family and being with them is such a pleasure, how do you balance it?" he asked.

Whatever the formula is, it's proven successful as he started in the Lackland Officers' Club as a dishwasher at the age of 16. He's worked as a dishwasher, busboy, waiter, maitre'de, barback, bartender, assistant caterer, caterer, assistant club manager. Then in 1990, he was promoted to manager at Ramstein AB, Germany Officers' Club and since 1996, man-



Always moving, Johnny Rivera brings out a platter of bagels for the recent Company Grade Officers' Conference held at the Officers' Club. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)

ager at Patrick.

The awards package for Rivera and the club are nearly as breathtaking as the club's ocean view.

- Supported 75 squadron and base-wide events, including the Operational Readiness Inspection party on two hour's notice.

- Nearly 1,000 special events hosted

- Comment cards reflected a 98 percent satisfaction rate.

Rivera's off-duty hours have him coaching youth soccer and basketball, squadron softball team; volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and Brevard County's Shriners.

Now the question is, can anyone catch him and give it to him.

Bodybuilders place in local competition

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton
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They come from opposite ends of the spectrum, even opposite sides of the planet.

Suki Peterson comes from Korea, didn't quite make it to the third grade in school and has always been fit, but never a competitor. Ralph Robinson hails from Michigan, was a first-team Parade High School All-American football player and attended three colleges, earning a degree in criminal justice after starting for the University of Kentucky football team.

Peterson started bodybuilding when her last child left for college and she found herself with an empty nest. Robinson competed in Saturday's local NPC Space Coast Bodybuilding championships despite a full nest, with three children under 10 years old, a deployed wife and a full-time job at the Fitness Center.

However, their worlds merged at the Patrick Fitness Center and they helped encourage each other to top finishes.

Peterson won Masters Over-50 and Overall Masters Champion (everyone over 35 years old) while Robinson won second-place honors in Men's Over-35 category.

Suki Peterson

Suki Peterson is a dynamo who didn't like her world much 18 months ago.

"I wanted to find my passion," she said. The 55-year-old's two children were gone to college and she was divorced.

"I was going from job-to-job, nothing was good," said Peterson, now a waitress at the Officers' Club.

She was always fit and often at the Fitness Center but decided to turn it up another notch. She met with Mike

Mendonca, a personal trainer at the Fitness Center, who met with her.

"I didn't want to sit around crying about how my life was," she said.

Peterson focused and practically moved into the Fitness Center. "When I'm working out, I see my body the way it is going to be, and I see myself receiving a national bodybuilding trophy from Arnold Schwarzenegger one day. That's my goal," she said, adding that this is one of her proudest accomplishments in her life.

"My kids go to school and they always compete or take tests. My mother died when I was 5 years old and my world became chaos so I never really went to school much. This was my test and I won," she said with a radiant smile.

Ralph Robinson

While Peterson focused on the meet for the past 18 months, Robinson, intramural director at the Fitness Center, decided to pick up the sport and focus on Saturday's competition about 12 weeks ago.

While Peterson is eyeing a competition in two weeks, Robinson isn't sure if this is the beginning or the end of a journey.

"I don't know if I'm going to do it again," he said. One of the toughest parts for Robinson, who's a life-long athlete and focused on sculpting his body, was the diet that consisted of three basics: chicken, rice and sweet potatoes.

However, the diet paid off, he dropped 40 pounds from his 6-foot, 5-inch frame in 12 weeks, going from 243 to 203 and now sports muscles that ripple like a lake.

"This is a lifestyle, a science and you have to do it to understand it," he said.

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However, he says there's nothing like bodybuilding. "This is truly the toughest thing I've ever done," he said.

Great support

The two champions agree, they wouldn't be where they are without the Fitness Center staff.

"Mike Mendonca started me out," said Peterson. "I would not be here without him."

Like tag team wrestlers, Mendonca got them started and handed them off to Assistant Fitness Center Director Naomi Parish. Neither served as their trainer, but gave plenty of advice.

"She's won some major Australian competitions," said Robinson. "She really knows what she's doing when it comes to training."

"She worked with me on everything, on my diet, on my music, on what poses to hit, everything. She was a great resource for me."

Robinson said fellow Fitness Center-goer Tony Colbert also shared lots of wisdom with him as well.

"Winning this was truly a team effort with lots of people helping us," Robinson said.



Ralph Robinson and Suki Peterson practice posing techniques with each other in the Patrick Fitness Center, where they worked out, preparing for Saturday's competition they both placed in. (Photo by Jim Laviska)



Don't get grounded this summer

Soar to new heights with the Patrick Base Library's 2003 Summer Reading Program.

It begins Sat. at 10:30 a.m. with the first summer reading get-together. Activities include flight prep (gear distribution), pilot rules and activities review, crafts and snacks.

The Take Flight program runs June 7 — July 19. Participants are invited to join the library flight control crew each Sat. (except July 5) for a variety of activities. Take Flight and Read is open to all elementary-age children authorized to use the base library. Parents are welcome to attend the festivities. Call the library for more information and enroll your summer reader.

Lap Pool extends hours

The Patrick Fitness Center lap pool extended operating hours without any additional cost. Hours are from 5:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. The pool is normally closed daily from 1-2 p.m. for maintenance and all day Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Call 494-4947 for more information.

NAF garage sale

A 45th Services Squadron Nonappropriated Funds Garage Sale is Fri. from 8 a.m. — 3 p.m. near Bldg. 1392 off Marina Road. Active-duty military personnel and/or their spouse will be admitted from 8 - 9 a.m. These items are available - SCUBA tanks, sofas, love seats, patio furniture, cream pitchers, cups, spoons, picnic tables with benches, one 32-inch TV with cabinet, beer glasses, end tables, one answering machine, cash registers, loungers, book cases, ice buckets and billiard sets. An assorted variety of other items will be on display. For more information, contact Barb Gamerl at 494-7203.

Story time returns

The base library offers summer story time

sessions at 10:30 a.m. Activities scheduled include read aloud story time, crafts and puppets.

Story time activities, which target pre-school-age children, meets Wednesdays from 10:30-11 a.m. now through Aug. 27. Join the library this summer and "Take Flight, Read!" Story time participation will earn ATWIND tickets.

Youth presents play

Missoula Children's Theatre and Patrick Youth Center performing artists presents "Rumpelstiltskin" June 14 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Youth auditions are Mon. at 9:30 a.m. Approximately 50-60 students, ages 6-18, will be cast to appear in the show with the Missoula Children Theater, a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Mont.

Students wishing to audition should arrive by the scheduled starting time and plan to stay for the entire two-hour session. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

The first rehearsal begins after group auditions. No advance preparation is necessary.

Rehearsals will be conducted every day, Monday through June 13 between 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week. If selected, cast members must be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. All cast members should be prepared for rehearsal the day of the performance and must be available for all scheduled performances.

For more information, contact Lynne Phillips at 494-4748.

Family pool open for summer

Outdoor Recreation's family pool is open for swimming six days a week from noon to 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$1 per person, per day. Season passes are available at Outdoor Recreation.

The family pool is closed every Mon. through-

out the summer. Please note: The family pool will be closed June 13 for the Annual Enlisted Appreciation Picnic. Call 494-2042 for more information.

Center now sells shuttles

The Skills Center in Bldg. 415 sells bronze ceramic space shuttles, ceramic patriotic bears and holographic eagles, among other specialty items. Orders will be taken for all of the specialty items with delivery in one week. Call 494-4270 for further information.

Sign-ups are now being taken for Oil Painting and Creative Memories (Scrapbooking) classes.

The Skills Center is now accepting Art/Crafts items for consignment sales. Anyone interested in selling artwork, call Nancy Wilberg at 494-4270.

Youth soccer coaches needed

Youth Programs needs volunteer adult coaches for their 2003 Fall Recreational Program for ages 4-11. New coaches are required to fill out an application at the Youth Center. Interested applicants are also required to attend mandatory training before practice starts in August.

Coaches who have an application on file and attended training are encouraged to contact the youth sports director, if still interested in coaching. Call 494-3770 for more details.

Soccer match challenge

The Cape Fitness Center offers their first "Best of the North vs. Best of the South" soccer challenge June 21 at 8 a.m. This will be a match-up between Cape Canaveral Air Force Station soccer players and Patrick Air Force Base soccer players. Game time is at 7:30 p.m. at the Patrick soccer field. Admission is free. Call Rafael Sanchez at 853-3966 for more information.



Friday Bulletproof Monk For 60 years, a mysterious monk has traversed the globe to protect an ancient scroll. Now the Monk must look for a new scroll keeper. Kar is an unlikely candidate, but when he inadvertently saves the Bulletproof Monk from capture, the two become partners in a scheme to save the world from the scroll's most avid pursuer. Stars Chow Yun-Fat, Seann William Scott (PG-13 for violence, language and some sexual content)

Saturday Rugrats Go Wild Free premiere is at 2 and 7:30 p.m. (Pick up free tickets at the BX customer service area, Military Clothing Sales and Burger King) Tommy Pickles gets a chance to meet his real life hero, Nigel Thornberry, when the Rugrats vacation cruise ship crashes onto a deserted island. A heroic Tommy leads the Rugrats safely through the rainforest where the babies encounter lizards, tigers and plant-eating bugs. Along the way, the Rugrats run into and befriend the Thornberrys. Voices are by LL Cool J and Bruce Willis. (PG for mild crude humor.)

Sunday Confidence What Jake doesn't know just might get him killed. A swindling job stealing money orchestrated by Jake and his gang goes wrong. When corpses start popping up, Jake knows it's only a matter of time until his number is called. Stars Edward Burns, Paul Gamete (R for language, violence and sexuality and nudity)

Thursday Holes A teenager, Stanley Yelnats is sent to Camp Green Lake, a Texas detention camp, for a crime he didn't commit. There, he and the other boys are forced by the warden, a fiery woman who paints her nails with snake venom, to dig holes as something of a character-building experience. Stars Shia LaBeouf, Sigourney Weaver (PG for violence, mild language and some thematic elements) *Movies start at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 11.*



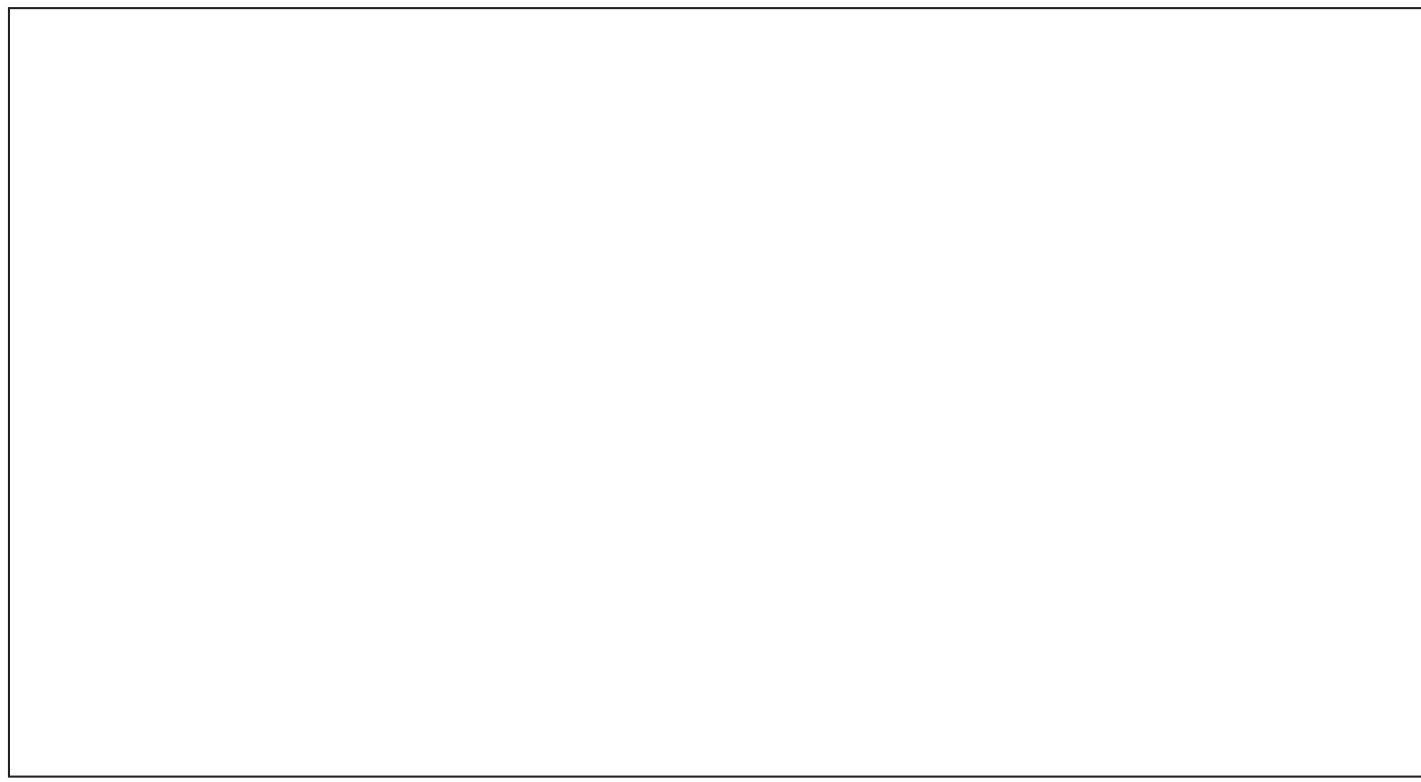
Catholic
Daily Mass 11:30 a.m. in the Seaside Chapel.
Saturday: 4 p.m. confession. 5 p.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel and 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Seaside Chapel.

Protestant
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. traditional worship in the Seaside Chapel. At 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Seaside Chapel. Grades K-12 at South Patrick Chapel. At 11 a.m. Inspirational Service in the South Patrick Chapel. On Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. fellowship dinner in the South Patrick Chapel.

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, #teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan
Tuesday dinner - #Country captain chicken, meat loaf, turkey a la king
Wednesday lunch - Southern-style catfish, barbecue ribs, southern-fried chicken, pork chops
Wednesday dinner - Barbecue spareribs, #lemon-herb chicken, stuffed pork chops
Thursday lunch - Herbed-baked chicken, Southern-fried catfish, stuffed cabbage rolls
Thursday Dinner - Glazed Cornish hen, jaegerschnitzel with mushroom sauce, #roast loin of pork





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, action@patrick.af.mil or click on global under 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."

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Q: I was just wondering how long the two gates on the south side of the base will be in operation? I do not understand the value of having double the guards on duty a quarter of a mile apart. I heard this is for retirees having access to the commissary/BX and clinic. Are they really coming on base in the early morning when there is a traffic backup? It makes no sense at all. Even the guards I ask don't understand why they are there, especially after duty hours.

Also, what is the base rule for kids wearing helmets riding bikes, scooters and skateboards? Many in the North Housing area ride with no protection and have been for sometime. It's very hard to instill the rules to my children when they see so many breaking the rules.

A: Thanks for your question regarding our gate operations on the south end of the base. The checkpoint you are referring to is no longer in operation. However, as the threat environment changes we may decide to reinstitute this checkpoint. Presently, there are no plans to do so.

The determination to initiate a second checkpoint near Central Housing was based on a command requirement for 100 percent identification checks for all traffic at all times of

the day. Checking 100 percent of traffic at the South Gate creates a backup on the Pineda Causeway and South Patrick Drive. A large portion of that traffic is for the BX, Commissary, clinic and golf course.

The second checkpoint significantly reduces the congestion when security forces "wave in" DoD registered traffic at the South Gate and conduct the 100 percent identification checks farther up the road. We still search all commercial delivery vehicles, and when the second check point is instituted we have ensured the clinic and BX to conduct hands-on ID checks for customers at their facilities.

With reference to the rules on safety equipment, individuals, to include children, are required to wear Personal Protective Equipment when operating bicycles, scooters and skateboards. The PPE in this case is a helmet. We have briefed our patrols to keep a lookout for individuals operating bicycles, etc., without correct PPE and to correct the person on the spot.

If a child is found to be riding a bike or scooter without a helmet, he or she will be instructed to immediately stop riding and walk the bike or scooter home. If we encounter a child who repeatedly fails to follow this rule, we will notify his/her parents.

