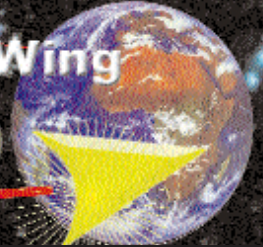


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Tiffany Callaghan, aerobic instructor at the Patrick Fitness Center, leads a class Wednesday. Class participants receive ATWIND tickets. There are more than 200 activities at Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station where people can receive the tickets, go online and compete for prizes. Wings also compete for quality of life money. For details, go to [www.atwind.com](http://www.atwind.com).

## 1st SLS provides vital civil, commercial launch role

By Capt. Chris Siford  
1ST SPACE LAUNCH SQUADRON

When a Boeing Delta II rocket roared off Space Launch Complex 17B June 10, it carried more than NASA's "Spirit" on the first leg of its voyage to Mars. It also carried the pride, enthusiasm and hard work of the men and women of the 1st Space Launch Squadron.

For every Delta II mission launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station - whether the payload is military, commercial or civil - the 1st SLS plays a critical role. And of course, that includes NASA's missions to Mars with rovers Spirit and Opportunity.

With Spirit already on its way to the Red Planet, Opportunity is set for launch sometime this month. "These interplanetary missions remind us of the unique nature of not only how we support the warfighters, but also help explore our universe," said Lt. Col. Brad Broemmel, commander of the 1st SLS. "That's a huge source of pride for us."

According to Lt. Col. Broemmel, it

takes a total team effort to launch these, as well as every Delta II mission.

"Team Delta' as we are affectionately called, is comprised of Boeing and NASA as well as military members working together to reach a common goal - in this case, Mars," he said. The 1st SLS, best known for its Global Positioning Satellite successes, doesn't ease up when it comes to working with its mission partners on commercial or civil launches. Air Force Chief Engineer Don Walker said, "NASA and commercial missions foster a team approach. The various types of operations we support keep the assembly line going and Team Delta working closely together."

The process for Team Delta begins when the different stages of the rocket and the spacecraft arrive at the Cape from plants all over the United States. From the time the components arrive, Boeing specialists, Air Force maintenance controllers, quality assurance, 45th Space Wing Safety and Aerospace Corporation workers, inspect them in

meticulous detail. After passing inspection, they are shipped to their temporary home at SLC 17.

The 1st SLS maintains pads 17A and 17B. As the different components arrive at the pad, they are lifted into place under the watchful eyes of both Boeing and Air Force personnel. The first stage and inter-stage are erected first, followed by the solid rocket motors, which provide thrust. After the SRMs are in place, the second stage goes up, followed by the third stage, the payload and its fairing.

In addition to ensuring the vehicle is checked out at every phase, the 1st SLS coordinates launch schedules and range support requirements. All of these efforts come to fruition on launch day. The count begins for 1st SLS members about 12 hours before liftoff. This is when the maintenance controllers and Air Force Launch Controllers meet to ensure the final preparations are in order for tower roll

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*Outstanding is just the START!*



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich  
45TH SW COMMANDER

Happy 227th birthday America! This great experiment in freedom and democracy is more than two centuries old and counting.

Those of us lucky enough to be Americans should be thankful every single day for the privileges and blessings that come with being citizens of the greatest nation in the history of the world. If you don't believe that, ask one of the dozens of folks who recently returned home from overseas deployments. Time and again, I've heard them say how much going to other countries makes them appreciate what we have. I don't think even our founding fathers could have imagined how what they started would evolve into such an enduring symbol of freedom and hope.

Indeed, America is something to celebrate. We will celebrate here at Patrick with a great schedule of events today and tomorrow to commemorate the anniversary of our great nation's independence. The festivities start tonight at 6 p.m. with a big street party at our boathouse deck, complete with free boat rides — but that's just the START! The party continues Friday with a shindig at our NCO Club Pool from noon to 5 p.m. There will be entertainment and activities virtually all day at Patrick, including Miss America, Erika Harold, singing our national anthem and one of the biggest fireworks displays in town. See the entire schedule on Page 8. Please join us and bring the entire family.

One thing is for sure, if your family comes out to enjoy our fireworks show, you'll be safe. While we associate fireworks with July Fourth and understand that they can be fun, we must also focus on the fact that they can be very dangerous. Every year thousands of mishaps occur that result in the loss or injury of the eye, hand and finger amputations, facial disfigurement and even death. Fireworks can also trigger fires. That is why we do not allow them to be used in our base housing areas. We are not being spoilsports, just trying to do the right thing to prevent unnecessary injuries and dam-

age to property.

If you live off base and feel it is absolutely necessary to use fireworks, please refrain from using illegal fireworks, obey the laws of your communities and be extra careful. Here are a few safety tips:

- ▶ No part of the shooter's body should be over the firework;
- ▶ Shooters should always wear eye protection;

- ▶ Buy from reliable and licensed sources;
- ▶ Always ignite outdoors and away from buildings and vehicles; and
- ▶ Keep a bucket of water readily available.

Another thing we will celebrate on the Fourth is the dedication of our Chevron Park at about 5 p.m. Most of you know it as the Survival Area, but we're changing the name and marking this change by dedicating a new monument. This monument was made primarily of metal gathered from the old gantry at Space Launch Complex 19 at the Cape. Our Junior Enlisted Advisory Council came up with this fantastic idea, which will serve as a tribute to our enlisted force and a way of highlighting enlisted heritage at Patrick.

By now, most of you have heard that our plan to close our deal to privatize our South Housing has been delayed due to a protest by one of the developers that bid on the contract. While this delay is disappointing, it is not unusual for contract awards of this magnitude to be protested. We expect it to take about 30 days to resolve this protest and then we will proceed with our plan with — hopefully — no further delays.

In the meantime, the effects of this protest should be transparent to all residents of South Housing. You will continue to receive the same services as before, with no impact to your pay and entitlements. When the protest is settled and the deal is finalized, we'll work with you to ensure a smooth transition from our current way of doing business to the new way, which will involve shifting management of South Housing to the developer. Our team of professionals is working to make this delay and the subsequent shift as seamless to you and your families as possible. Hang in there. We're going to take care of you.

I was out of town last week, but I understand we had an outstanding retreat ceremony honoring the heroes we lost at Khobar Towers seven years ago. Several of you were instrumental to the success of this event. Hat's off to the troops

standing in formation and to our Honor Guard for looking sharp. I know it was hot out there, but you stood your ground and made it look easy. You are much appreciated. I'd also like to offer a special word of praise for Master Sgt. Doug Burkner, first sergeant of 45th Maintenance Group. He was the belly button for the ceremony. He chased the details and made things happen, ensuring everything went just right. Well done! It was a fitting tribute to our flag and 19 brave young airmen who deserve our everlasting respect. We can never forget our fellow service members who make the ultimate sacrifice while protecting our Constitution, our way of life and our national interests.

Chasing details is the MO for our Protocol Office. Every week they oversee visits from dignitaries visiting Patrick and the Cape on official business, as well as leisure. Next week, they are coordinating the itinerary for an extra-special dignitary, who also happens to be a former commander of the 45th Space Wing: Lt. Gen. Robert C. Hinson, vice commander of Air Force Space Command. He will be here Monday and Tuesday on what will likely be his final visit to our bases before he retires from active duty later this summer.


Those of you who have served with Gen. Hinson know what a fine gentleman, leader and Air Force officer he is. It is because of him that we enjoy many of the quality of life enhancements we have here. I know the general has a soft spot in his heart for the mission and people here at Patrick and the Cape. He is coming here for a final update and quick look at how we are doing.

Knowing the kind of man he is, although his retirement is imminent, the general will be seriously looking and listening for ways to help us accomplish our mission and to find better ways to take care of you and your families. We have an ambitious schedule of tours and briefings set up to facilitate that.

This will be our chance to shine by demonstrating to him that we truly are an "OUTSTANDING" wing and to show him how much we appreciate his leadership, dedication and service to America. Please help me make this his best base visit ever. When he leaves Tuesday morning, I'd like his last words to me to be: "Wow!"

Our Team Delta is working to launch NASA's second Mars rover mission soon. Let's keep supporting them as they work on this mission that will help us solve some of the mysteries of the "Red Planet." Go Delta! Go Opportunity!

Have a safe and enjoyable July Fourth. God bless!

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# AFSPC commander sends July Fourth message

By Gen. Lance Lord  
AFSPC COMMANDER

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. - Today marks the 227th anniversary of declaring our independence as a free nation. As we proudly display the American flag around our nation — on Main Street, at ground zero in New York, in Oklahoma City, at Pearl Harbor — and with our forces around the world, let us all pause to

reflect on what it means to secure the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Our republic, the United States of America, is unique in the history of the world. We are a free and open society that runs our government instead of our government ruling the people. We truly value each individual in our society.

To secure, protect and preserve

this liberty, the baton has been passed from the long line of heroes in places such as Lexington, Bunker Hill, Yorktown, Gettysburg, St. Mihiel, Guadalcanal, Anzio, Normandy, Pusan, Khe Sanh and An-Nasiriyah. Our military is always on duty for this vital cause. Only those who have paid the ultimate price know the true cost of freedom.

Our continued success depends on

great Americans in the service of our country ensuring the government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the Earth — our uniformed military members, our civil servants, our contractors, and our community leaders.

Beccy joins me in saying how very grateful we are for your service, and we wish you a safe and happy holiday.

## Remembering 9/11: Widow touches deployed troops, gives strength to military members

*Editor's note: This commentary is by Christy Ferer, a 9/11 widow who recently was a member of a group of celebrities (including Robert DeNiro and Kid Rock, among others) who took an Armed Forces Entertainment Office and USO-sponsored trip to Iraq to show support for the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines still over there.*

When I told friends about my pilgrimage to Iraq to thank the U.S. troops, reaction was underwhelming at best. Some were blunt. "Why are you going there?" They could not understand why it was important for me, a 9/11, widow to express my support for the men and women stationed today in the gulf.

But the reason seemed clear to me — 200,000 troops have been sent halfway around the world to stabilize the kind of culture that breeds terrorists like those who I believe began World War III on Sept. 11, 2001.

Reaction was so politely negative that I began to doubt my role on the first USO/Tribeca Institute tour into newly occupied Iraq where, on average, a soldier a day is killed.

Besides, with Robert De Niro, Kid Rock, Rebecca and John Stamos, Wayne Newton, Gary Senise and Lee Ann Wolmac, who needed me? Did they really want to hear about my husband, Neil Levin, who went to work as director of New York Port Authority on Sept. 11, 2001, and never came home? How would they relate to the two other widows traveling with me? Ginny Bauer, a New Jersey homemaker and the mother of three who lost her husband, David and former Marine; Jon Vigiano who lost his only sons, Jon, a firefighter and Joe, a policeman.

As we were "choppered" over deserts that looked like bleached bread crumbs I wondered if I'd feel like a street hawker, passing out Port Authority pins and baseball caps as I said "thank you" to the troops. Would a hug from me mean anything at all in the presence of the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders and a Victoria's Secret model?

We arrived at the first "meet and greet" and it made me weep. (Why?) Armed with M16s and saddlebags of water in 120-degree heat,

the soldiers swarmed over the stars for photos and autographs.

When it was announced that a trio of 9/11 family members was also in the tent it was as if a psychic cork on emotional dam was popped.

Soldiers from every corner of New York, Long Island and Queens rushed toward us to express their condolences.

Some wanted to touch us, as if they needed a physical connection to our sorrow and for some living proof for why they were there. One mother of two from Montana told me she signed up because of 9/11.

Dozens of others told us the same thing. One young soldier showed me his metal bracelet engraved with the name of a victim he never knew and that awful date none of us will ever forget. In fact, at every encounter with the troops there would be a surge of reservists — firefighters and cops including many who had worked the rubble of Ground Zero — came to exchange a hometown hug.

Their glassy eyes still do not allow anyone to penetrate too far inside to the place where their trauma is lodged; the trauma of a devastation far greater than anyone who hadn't been there could even imagine. It's there in me, too. I had forced my way downtown on that awful morning, convinced that I could find Neil beneath the rubble.

What I was not prepared for was to have soldiers show us the World Trade Center memorabilia they'd carried with them into the streets of Baghdad. Others had clearly been holding in stories of personal 9/11 tragedies which had made them enlist.

USO handlers moved us from one corner to the next so everyone could meet us. One fire brigade plucked the 9/11 group from the crowd, transporting us to their firehouse to call on those who had to stand guard during the Baghdad concert.

It was all about touching us and feeling the reason they were in this hell. Back at Saddam Hussein airport, Kid Rock turned a "meet and greet" into an impromptu concert in a steamy airport hangar before 5,000 troops.

Capt. Vargas from the Bronx tapped me on the back. He enlisted in the Army after some of his wife's best friends were lost at the World Trade Center. When he glimpsed at the piece of recovered metal from the Towers that I had been showing to a group of soldiers he grasped for it as if it were the Holy Grail.

Then he handed it to Kid Rock who passed the precious metal through the 5,000 troops in the audience. They lunged at the opportunity to touch the steel that symbolized what so many of them felt was the purpose of their mission that puts them at risk every day in the 116-degree heat and not knowing if a sniper was going to strike at anytime.

Looking into that sea of khaki gave me chills even in that blistering heat. To me, those troops were there to avenge the murder of my husband and 3,000 others.

When I got to the microphone I told them we had not made this journey for condolences but to thank them and to tell them that the families of 9/11 think of them every day. They lifts our hearts. The crowd interrupted me with chants of "USA, USA, USA." Many wept.

What happened next left no doubt that the troops drew inspiration from our tragedies. When I was first asked to speak to thousands of troops in Qatar, after Iraq, I wondered if it would feel like a "grief for sale" spectacle. But this time I was quaking because I was to present the recovered WTC steel to Gen. Tommy Franks. I quivered as I handed him the icy gray block of steel. His great craggy eyes welled up with tears. The sea of khaki fell silent. Then the proud four-star general was unable to hold back the tears which streamed down his face on center stage before 4,000 troops.

As this mighty man turned from the spotlight to regain his composure I comforted him with a hug.

Now, when do I return?

## New class promotes teamwork

First-term airmen develop camaraderie, learn wing mission

By Verla D. Davis  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The new First Term Airman Center's graduate class recently commenced with a wealth of knowledge about the Air Force and Patrick Air Force Base, and with a little nudging they learned the true meaning of camaraderie.

According to Master Sgt. Hope Sanders, noncommissioned officer in charge of FTAC, this class provides a structured program to transition airmen from a training to a mission-oriented environment.

It also reinforces the military lessons first-term airmen learn and experience in Basic Military Training and technical training.

"Master Sgt. Sanders was big on teamwork which was good because it helped us out a lot," said Airman 1st Class

Nichole Dzikowski, 45th Space Communications Squadron, meteorological and navigations system apprentice.

"We know each other better now; we all live in the dorms and feel a bit closer."

"By providing briefings covering various topics and initial ancillary training, FTACs have the unique opportunity to create an environment for airmen to develop a warrior spirit and an expeditionary mindset," said Master Sgt. Sanders.

She explained that airmen are enrolled in this class during their initial in-processing at Military Personnel Flight.

This two-week class is taught once a month depending upon the number of first-term airmen assigned to the 45th Space Wing.

Students are given several mandatory briefings on the wing's mission. Briefings include TRICARE, life skills, promotions and Florida safety that will prepare them for life on the Space Coast.

This is the second class to complete this course and, according to Master Sgt. Sanders, it is working very well.

"The base community is getting more involved which makes it easier to conduct this course," she said.

"Students were welcomed into work areas and shown where the job gets done. In general, wing support allows the program to run smoothly."

Overall, class feedback was good; students were well informed about the Air Force and Patrick, according to Airman 1st Class Justin Atkinson, of AFTAC.

"For someone who has never had an assignment before, this was a good class," he said. "It helped me learn how things work on an operational base."

Each student also left with a sense of brotherhood, newfound friendships and a newfound sense of belonging to the Air Force.

## AAFES holiday hours

Army Air Force Exchange Service July 4th holiday hours for the below listed facilities are:

Main Store, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Mall Concessions, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Beauty Shop, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Taco Bell, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Wetzel Pretzel, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Burger King, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Class Six, 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
MCSS/Mini Mall Shoppette, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The following listed facilities will be closed:

Admin Office  
Mini Mall Food Court  
Mini Mall Concessions  
Service Station  
Cape Food Court  
Cape Shoppette  
Cape Barber Shop  
Main Store Anthony's  
Main Store Robin Hood  
Main Store Optometry Clinic  
Main Store Optical Shop  
Main Store Dry Cleaners

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back. After tower roll, the AFLC and MCs are on console for the final four hours of the count.

The 1st SLS monitors Eastern Range conditions and serves as the Air Force's focal point for resolving booster and spacecraft related issues.

"We work very closely with the Range, NASA and our commercial users to find solutions to problems that crop up that could impact to the launch," said Lt. Col.

Broemmel.

Since being stood up in 1990, the squadron and its mission partners have an enviable track record of 73 successful launches, with a 96 percent success rate.

But it's as much about quality, as it is quantity. Team Delta maintains a high operations tempo. A few weeks after Opportunity is launched on a Delta II rocket, Team Delta is scheduled to launch a NASA space telescope — once again proving its motto: "On Time, On Target, On Top."

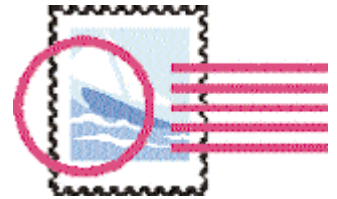
## South Housing privatization delayed

A developer who placed a bid for South Housing Privatization filed a protest through the Federal Court affecting the final closing of the project between the Air Force and Patrick Family Housing Limited Liability Company. It is anticipated that privatization could be delayed for an additional 30 days.

Housing maintenance will continue to be provided by Madison Services at 783-3561. Trash, recycling and yard waste service will continue to be supplied by Red River on the same schedule as before. Start of Basic Allowance for Housing and allotments will be delayed until further notice. Occupants need not take any action.

Upon final determination by the federal court, notification will be provided to each resident announcing the official implementation date of privatization. For more information, call the Housing Office at 494-2593.





## *Thanks for the memories, Lt. Gen. Hinson*



Lt. Gen. Robert Hinson, Air Force Space Command vice commander, is making his last visit to the 45th Space Wing Monday and Tuesday. He will retire later this summer.

Gen. Hinson is a former enlisted member who garnered a commission after attending the University of Tennessee.

The former 45th Space Wing commander has been close to the wing since taking over the Air Force's premier space launch wing from August 1995 until March 1997. Then, after a stint at Air Force Space Command, he moved on to become 14th Air Force commander from May, 1999 until June of 2000 before moving to deputy commander of Strategic Command, then to his position as AFSPC vice commander in April, 2002.

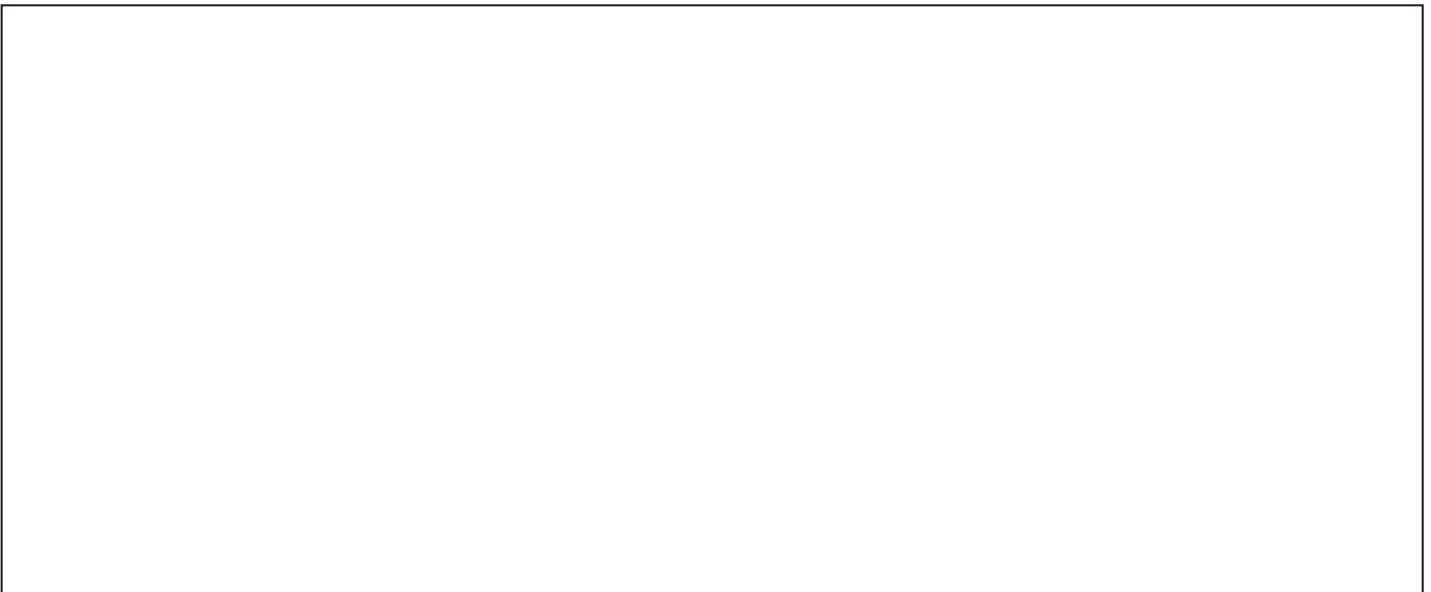


Then 45th Space Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Hinson, center, opens the new Delta Operations Building in 1997 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

*45th Space Wing commander  
from August 1995 – March 1997*



Brig. Gen. Hinson, left, discusses a Delta II mishap with Gen. Ronald Fogelman, Air Force chief of staff, in 1997. (U.S. Air Force photos)



**Master Sgt. remembered**

There will be a memorial service for Master Sgt. Lester K. Marciniak Tues. at 1 p.m. at the Seaside Chapel. Call Tech Sgt. Lindner at 494-4404 for more information.

**Change of command set**

The 45th Comptroller Squadron will be closed until 11 a.m. Wed. due to a change of command at 9 a.m. at the Officers' Club. In case of an emergency, call the Command Post at 494-7001 or John Brett at 690-7423.

**AFGE meets**

The American Federation of Government Employees Local 2568 meets July 15 at 4:30 p.m. second floor at Patrick's Fitness Center, to discuss important issues. All members are encouraged to attend. Non-union personnel are invited. To join or for more information, log on to [www.afge.org](http://www.afge.org) or call 494-2030.

**Take a class**

Call the Family Support Center at 494-5675 for these classes: Personal Financial Management, Tues. 8 a.m. — 4 p.m., Employment Orientation, Tues. 9:30 a.m.— noon; Coping with Difficult People, Tues. noon — 1:30 p.m.; ABCs of Resumes Wed. 8-11:30 a.m.; Sponsorship Training, Wed. 9-11 a.m. Bldg. 537 Room 118; Children of Divorce, Wed. 1-4 p.m.; Pre-separation Briefing, Thurs. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; TRICARE - Everything To Know, Thurs. noon — 1:30 p.m.; Can't Cook, Won't Cook — Sushi, Fri. 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

**Chevron Park dedicated**

The Patrick Air Force Base Survival Area will be officially renamed "Chevron Park" and a monument honoring all enlisted members who have served at Patrick and the Cape will be dedicated in a brief ceremony July Fourth at approximately 5:15 p.m. The metal monument was made of components from Space Launch

Complex 19, launch site of 10 manned and two unmanned space missions.

The monument consists of a tripod pedestal that depicts the steadfast support of the three enlisted tiers. The structural brace, used to mount the plaque, represents the strength of the enlisted force. Bonded together, they represent the teamwork, cohesion and untiring commitment of the enlisted cadre to our nation's space program.

**Det. 1 commanders change**

Lt. Col. Thomas Eye will relinquish command of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station to Lt. Col. Robert Atkins in a ceremony July 11 at 9 a.m. in Hangar C. Everyone is invited.

**Get water report**

The 2002 Consumer Confidence Report for Patrick AFB water is available. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Joseph Patrick or Staff Sgt. Nancy Connell at 494-5435.



# Wing celebrates the nation's 227th birthday

By Airman 1st Class Shaun P. Emery  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Not sure what to do this holiday weekend? Thursday and Friday the 45th Services Squadron provides Independence Day entertainment and activities to all ID cardholders. While a lot of the activities is geared toward parents and their children, there's plenty to do for everyone.

"There is a welcome home aspect for the people who were deployed," said John Detmer, 45th SVS Business Operations flight chief. "After Desert Storm we did the same thing." It is also a time to celebrate and think about those who are still deployed throughout the world, he said.

Activities begin Thursday with an Outdoor Recreation street party. The event will run from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Two live bands will be performing that evening — Showdown, a country band and The New Bel Airs Reunion Show, a rock 'n' roll band. Barbeque sandwiches, hot dogs and pretzels will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be free boat rides, and games throughout the evening.

The NCO Club heats things up July 4 from noon to 5 p.m. with a family pool party. Participants will enjoy dancing, games and prizes. From noon to 4 p.m. there is an NCO deck party including a free barbeque from noon to 3 p.m., or while supplies last. Green Light, a local area band, will provide entertainment.

(See side story.)

From noon to 5 p.m., the Bowling Center offers free bowling. Shoe rentals will be free of charge.

Festivities continue at 5 p.m. at the Survival Area beginning with a performance of the national anthem by Miss America, Erica Harold. Between 5 and 6 p.m., the wing will dedicate the Survival Area by renaming it Chevron Park in tribute to enlisted who have served here.

Beginning around 5:30 p.m. two more bands, The Sol sisters, a blues band and Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, a '60s and '70s rock 'n' roll band, will provide entertainment.

Children will have plenty to do in the Kids' Zone. There will be an obstacle course, a dunk tank, an inflatable moonwalk and several other games and activities to enjoy.

As an added treat for the children there will be a special appearance by one of the Disney characters at the street party Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30. Friday the character will be at the Survival Area from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Local booster clubs will provide food and beverages for sale during the July Fourth event.

At 9:30 p.m. there will be a fast-paced fireworks display. Last year more than 3,000 people attended the show, not including those viewing from the water and A1A, said Mr.



Detmer. This year the 45th SVS had more time to prepare for the show. Mr. Detmer said this year's show should be 10 percent better than last year's show.

## Agency urges consumers to be safe this July Fourth

With Independence Day near and American patriotism high, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission urges consumers to celebrate the occasion safely by not purchasing or using illegal fireworks and by adhering to safety guidelines if using legal ones.

At a press conference on the National Mall last week, Chairman Hal Stratton demonstrated the explosive and destructive force of illegal fireworks. He also demonstrated the hazards young children risk when using legal fireworks and sparklers and the dangers consumers face when they use fireworks in an unsafe manner.

"The consequences of fireworks misuse can be severe burns, loss of eyesight, amputation, and even death," Mr. Stratton said.

"Above all, never give fireworks, even sparklers, to young children," he said. "Sparklers burn at temperatures of 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. That's hot enough to cause third-

degree burns."

Hospital emergency rooms in the U.S. treated about 8,800 people for fireworks-related injuries in 2002, according to a commission staff analysis. However, the number of injuries has decreased significantly from the highs of 1992 to 1994, when injuries averaged 12,500 a year.

Mr. Stratton attributes the decrease to rigorous enforcement, more consumer awareness of the potential dangers fireworks pose, and the production of a higher quality product by reputable fireworks manufacturers.

Highly explosive M-80's, cherry bombs, and quarter sticks have been banned under federal law since 1966. Additionally, it is illegal to sell mail order kits that include the chemicals and components to make such large firecrackers.

Lighting fireworks in 45th Space Wing housing areas is prohibited and the law will be enforced by 45th Security Forces Squadron personnel.

Those who will use fireworks this July Fourth despite safety hazards should use only legal fireworks approved by the state fire marshal that:

- ◆ emit a shower of sparks upon burning
- ◆ don't contain any explosive compounds
- ◆ don't detonate or explode
- ◆ can't propel themselves through the air
- ◆ can't contain more than 100 grams of the chemical compound that produces sparks upon burning.

Fireworks prohibited in Florida are:

- ◆ Firecrackers
- ◆ Torpedos
- ◆ Skyrockets
- ◆ Roman candles
- ◆ Daygo bombs
- ◆ any fireworks containing explosive or flammable compounds
- ◆ Read and follow all warnings and instructions.

◆ A responsible adult should closely supervise all fireworks activities.

◆ Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.

◆ Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.

◆ Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

◆ Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house, dry leaves, and flammable materials.

◆ Light one item at a time, then move back quickly.

◆ Never try to re-light fireworks that have not fully functioned.

◆ Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them in metal or glass containers.

◆ Keep a bucket of water or a hose handy in case of a malfunction or fire. (Courtesy of Consumer Protection Safety Commission)



# Patrick's July Fourth gets 'Greenlight'

By Staff Sgt. Tom Czerwinski  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For three Patrick Air Force Base airmen, off duty leisure time is a jam.

The trio of applied geophysics technicians are assigned to Air Force Technical Applications Center here and are members in a local five-member rock band called "Greenlight."

The band will head the entertainment at the July Fourth NCO Club Deck Party from noon to 4 p.m.

For the past two years, the airmen have teamed up with three civilians to form Greenlight. They entertain crowds on and off base with classic rock songs from the 1950s up to today's hits; they even throw in some pop-country to round out their musical format.

Master Sgt. Tony Calenda, lead guitar and back-up vocals; Staff Sgt. Norm Edwards, drummer and Master Sgt. Mike Pinnick, rhythm guitar have been playing together for four years. "We just play to relieve stress and have some fun," said Master Sgt. Pinnick. "Were not in it for the money or looking to become big rock stars."

Just like other servicemembers, the airmen in Greenlight live busy lives and are subject to deployments and other Air Force-related commitments. "Because we have three guitar players we can still perform if someone is deployed or TDY," said Master Sgt. Pinnick.

The band's civilian members are Ray Bell, Dottie Pinnick and Danny Robertson. Mr. Bell is the front man and lead singer, well known in the area for his voice and his style that shifts effortlessly from Elvis to ZZ-Top. Mr. Bell has been singing on stage since he



was seven years old, said Master Sgt. Pinnick.

Dottie Pinnick, the bass player, is Master Sgt. Pinnick's wife. "Dottie on bass, teamed with Norm on drums keeps us together by laying down the rhythm section," he said. "With only three years experience, she already plays like a pro."

Danny Robertson on acoustic and electric guitars, moves into the audience and gets the party going, according to Master Sgt. Pinnick. "He's the wild man and I just try to keep up with him."

Greenlight plays a wide variety to keep the audience satisfied. "We will play an Elvis Presley song followed immediately by a Garth Brooks tune, followed by a Stevie Ray Vaughn song," said Master Sgt. Pinnick. "Our singer is very good — he is able to shift gears from one style to another. He draws the crowd in and

gets them involved and that works for us because having fun and getting into the music makes the effort worthwhile.

Greenlight is a band with a big heart, too. They have performed for fund-raisers, such as the Brevard County Special Olympics and the Shoe Fund, a program that raises money in the fall to provide underprivileged children with new shoes for the winter. The band also performs to help raise money for the Patrick AFB men's baseball team.

Greenlight is mainly a beachside band playing from Cocoa Beach to South Melbourne Beach and has played at the Patrick NCO Club with the outside deck filled to capacity, said Master Sgt. Pinnick. "We have a following of people that work at Patrick and they come out and support us often."

## DON'T MISS PATRICK'S JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION

**JULY 3**

**6-10:30 P.M.**

OUTDOOR REC STREET PARTY  
LIVE BANDS FEATURING  
SHOWDOWN COUNTRY BAND  
THE BEL AIRS REUNION SHOW  
FREE BOAT RIDES, GAMES, DOT  
THE CLOWN



BOWLING CENTER – FREE BOWLING

**5 P.M.**

SURVIVAL AREA  
THE SOL SISTERS BLUES  
SINGERS  
MITCH RYDER & THE DETROIT  
WHEELS 60S/70S ROCK BAND

CHEVRON PARK DEDICATION (SURVIVAL AREA)

**DARK**

BIGGEST FIREWORKS IN BREVARD



**JULY 4**

**NOON – 5 P.M.**

NCO CLUB DECK FAMILY POOL PARTY

**5 P.M.**

MISS AMERICA ERIKA HAROLD SINGS  
THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

5:20 P.M.

## AFTAC finishes season with base championship

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In many Patrick softball fans' minds, it wasn't a matter of if Air Force Technical Applications Center was going to win the base championship, but if they'd lose a playoff game enroute to the title.

They didn't.

They won their 23rd game in a row with a 12-6 come-from-behind win over the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron in the championship softball game June 25 in a tournament marred by three inches of rain.

The tournament was supposed to be a one-day, 13-hour affair until Mother Nature decided the teams should only play a half day, and unleashed three inches of rain at about 1 p.m. June 21.

"The fields wouldn't have been safe to play on and it would have damaged the fields as well," said Ralph Robinson, intramural director.

AFTAC ripped through the regular season going 19-0. They had four hurdles in the tournament named CSR/CUBE, 45th Security Forces Squadron and 45th Civil Engineer Squadron who they had to beat twice. They trounced CSR/CUBE 16-1 in three innings.

They had to rally to beat 45th Security Forces Squadron 14-10, scoring five runs in the 7th



**A 45th Civil Engineer Squadron runner legs out an infield hit. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)**

inning to tie the score, forcing extra innings and then adding four more in the final at-bat.

They dropped 45th CES with a 7-5 victory, enjoying a five-run cushion through much of the game before CES rallied with three runs in their

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Air Force Technical Application Center's Scott Harris focuses on the ball that he's going to swat out of the park. Harris was 2 for 2 in the base championship game, with both hits as home runs. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)

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last at bat.

AFTAC crowned Eric Salter as the team's most valuable player. Salter's worth was defined by his toeing the rubber and replacing the regular pitcher at the last minute.

"It was big for him to step up in the last three games and pitch," said AFTAC coach and king of swing Scott Harris.

"It meant a lot for us and he did as good of a job as our regular guy."

While Salter was winning MVP honors, Harris

was collecting "oohs" and "aahs" with his big bat.

His line score of six hits in eight at bats doesn't look overly exceptional, but teams were so intimidated they were often afraid to pitch to him and gave him six walks and he scored nine runs during the four games.

The championship game showed why opponents gave him the respect they did.

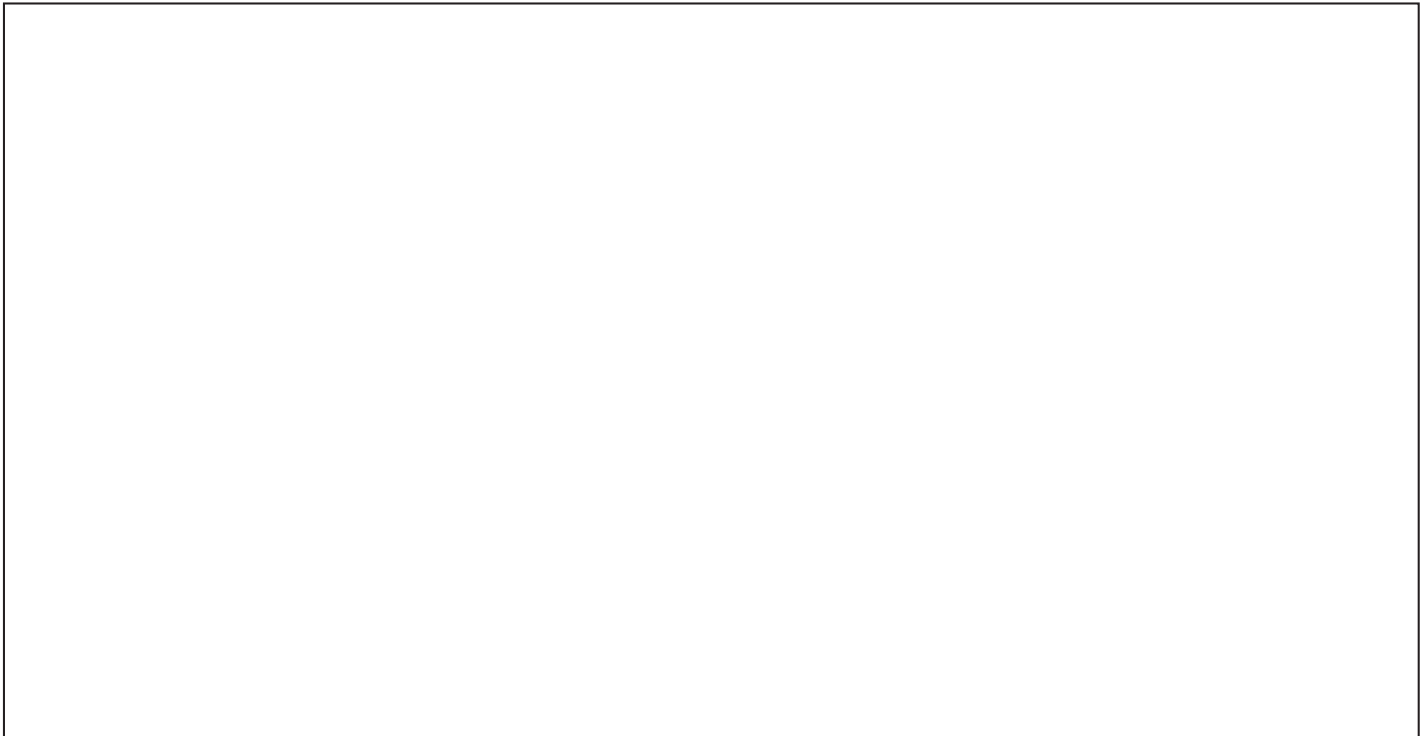
His line score reads very simply 2 for 2 with 4 runs scored. The two home runs are something that stands out in anyone's memory.

Often times, a home run is a high-arcing hit that falls over the fence. Harris's two swats were

line drives that sailed straight and true, going over the fence in a straight line that brought screams and shouts from the crowd.

While the fans around him hooted and hollered, Robinson just shook his head. "I bought the 44 core, 375 compression balls that aren't supposed to do that," Robinson said. The balls Robinson bought are supposed to stay in play, keeping the games more lively.

Someone may want to point out, teams aren't supposed to romp through a season and a tournament undefeated, but AFTAC, like Harris, defied expectations this year.



**Bid on vehicle**

Send in a sealed bid on a 1994 Ford 24 Passenger Bus for sale. Bids start at \$5,000. Estimated resale price of the bus is \$10,000 and the vehicle has 40,408 miles.

Vehicle for bid can be seen at the west end of Atlas Ave. at Patrick. For specific directions or escorts, call Ron Charbonneau at 494-7204.

Mail name, address, phone number and bid amount to: 45 SVS/SVFL, Attn: VCO; Bldg 425, Room 2-690; 1225 Jupiter Street; Patrick AFB, FL 32925. Bid closing date is July 21. Air Force Regulation dictates, only bids received through regular mail will be considered.

**Scholarship deadline nears**

The 2003 Air Force Services Scholarship Program ends July 15. The theme this year is "Air Force Clubs — Help Us Make 'Members-First.'" Nominees must provide an essay of 500 words or less on the theme.

Attach a single-page summary of the nominee's long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments to the application and submit it to the Officers' or the NCO Club by July 15.

For more information and applications, call Johnnie Rivera or Frank Martinez at the Officers' Club, 494-4013 or Susan Barnhardt at the NCO Club, 494-7491.

**Win with ATWIND**

Call ATWIND Central Command headquarters toll-free at 1 (888) 597-9960 from a touchtone phone

or log on to [www.atwind.com](http://www.atwind.com) to register and play. Help the 45th Space Wing win quality-of-life funds for base improvements.

Patrons could win cash, gift certificates, T-shirts and participants have a chance to win the first of five vacation trips.

Pick up an ATWIND ticket at the July Fourth celebration at the Survival Area.

For more information, contact Patrick ATWIND headquarters at 494-4375.

**Youths learn work skills**

"Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" Day is July 24 and is recommended for youth in the following age groups: grades four to six for one half day and grade seven and up for a full day.

Prep school classes in support of the program will be conducted Wednesday at the Youth Center for youth planning to go to work with their parents.

Topics include interpersonal skills and mapping program outcome goals.

Grades four to six will meet from 5 to 5:45 p.m. and grades seven and up will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. Sponsors must call the Youth Center at 494-4747 for reservations.

**Sign up for SCUBA**

Outdoor Recreation is conducting a PADI Open Water Certification class July 14 through 26 on Mon., Wed., and Fri. evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Open water dives will be held July 19 and 26.

Cost of the class is \$235, which includes a PADI deluxe student kit,

classroom, pool instruction, dive boat fees, free air fills for the duration of the class, and student SCUBA rental package.

The rental package includes a BC (Buoyancy Compensators) regulator, weights, tanks, wet suit, mask, snorkel and fins.

A Certified PADI Master Instructor will conduct the class. Register at Outdoor Recreation or call 494-2042 for additional information.

**Facilities modify hours**

Outdoor Recreation is open Fri. from 8 a.m. — 6 p.m. Engraving and Framing is closed Fri. and open from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. Saturday.

The Auto Skills Center is closed Fri. and open Sat. from 8 a.m. — 5 p.m. For information on facilities not listed, call them. Hours are subject to change.

**Register for soccer**

Registration for youth soccer this fall is from July 1 through Aug. 1 at the Youth Center Mon. through Fri. from 9 a.m. — 5:30 p.m. Family members ages 4-11 of active-duty or retired military, NAF employees or DoD personnel and DoD contractors are eligible (must be age 4 by Sept. 1 and not turn 12 by Aug. 1).

Fee for youth ages 4-5 is \$30 (members) or \$35 (nonmembers). For youth ages 6-11, the fee is \$45 (members) or \$55 (nonmembers).

Present a copy of the child's birth certificate for children ages 6-11 at registration.

Practices begin in August and the first games are scheduled in September. For more information,

call 494-3770.

**Tour historical Cape**

Outdoor Recreation offers a bus tour July 12 of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, which includes special attractions such as the historic Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and early launch sites.

The tour leaves ODR at 8 a.m. and returns around 12:30 p.m. This program is open to ID cardholders and their guests (U.S. citizens only).

Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call 494-2042 and sign up by Tuesday.

**Get on board**

Contact Patrick IT&T office for specials on a seven-day Summer Caribbean cruise starting at \$549.

Travel onboard one of the newest ships. Departure dates in July are 5, 12, 19, and 26. Departure dates in August are 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30.

Children ages 18 and younger can sail on special third and fourth-rate select cruises starting at \$199 and adults age 19 and older for just \$299.

Third and fourth-rates are available only with purchase of a double occupancy cabin. For more information, contact the IT&T office at 494-5158.

**Art instructors needed**

Art instructors are needed to teach classes in September. Those interested should provide a class outline, including cost, supplies and length of the total class session to Nancy Wilberg in Bldg. 415 or call 494-4270.

## Action Line: 494-6550



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

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

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

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

**Brig. Gen.  
Greg Pavlovich  
45th SW  
commander**

**45th Support Group**  
Col. Steve Werner  
494-6607

**45th Civil Engineer Squadron**  
Jack Gibson  
494-4041

**Base Housing**  
Caroline Jamba  
494-2593

**45th Services Squadron**  
Lt. Col. John Sproul  
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**Military Personnel**  
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494-2035

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Donald Pruitt  
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Mike Lovejoy  
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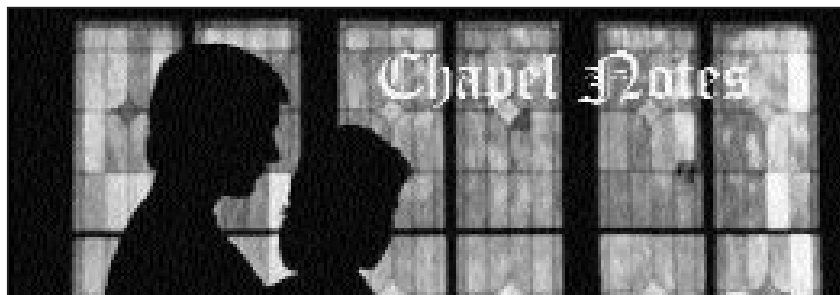
**Friday The In-laws** In this riotous remake of the 1979 comedy *The In-Laws*, prospective fathers-in-law Steve and Jerry meet for the first time to celebrate their children's upcoming marriage. After the cake hits the fan, Jerry and Steve discover they can truly be an effective team. Stars Albert Brooks and Michael Douglas. (PG-13 for suggestive humor, language, some drug references and action violence)



**Saturday Bruce Almighty** Jim Carrey plays a Buffalo television reporter who is discontented with almost everything in life, despite his popularity and the love of his girlfriend Grace. At the end of the worst day in his life, Bruce angrily ridicules and rages against God. And God responds by appearing in human form and, endowing Bruce with all of His divine powers, challenges Bruce to take on the big job and see if he can do it any better. Stars Jim Carrey, Jennifer Aniston and Bruce Nolan. (PG-13 for language, sexual content and some crude humor)

**Sunday Bruce Almighty** See Saturday synopsis

**Thursday The In-laws** See Friday synopsis  
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. At 10:30 a.m. contemporary worship in the South Patrick Chapel.  
On Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. fellowship dinner in the South Patrick Chapel.



### Events

July 10, 10:00 a.m. - noon: "Poisonous Plants, Bugs, etc!" Gardening at North Brevard Library, Titusville. Admission is free.

July 10, 7:00 p.m.: "Birding 101" at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library, Titusville. The program includes a slide show presentation on how to spot and identify many of the bird species that inhabit the North Brevard area. Admission is free. Call 264-5080.

July 12 through July 21, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Mon., Wed., Fri.) and 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (Tue., Thur.): Art displays at the Melbourne Beach Library. Three-dimensional art displayed in a two-room area. Admission is free. Call 956-5642.

July 19, 9:30 a.m.: Acrylics painting class at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library, Titusville. A \$10 fee to cover materials and instruction will be charged. Call 264-5080 for more information on the pro-

ject. Registration is required.

July 22, 10:00 a.m. - noon.; "Attracting Wildlife" gardening program at the Port St. John Library. Admission is free.

### July Fourth festivities

Friday, 7:45-9:15 p.m.; Titusville's July Fourth Celebration at Sand Point Park. Patriotic concert and grand fireworks display. Free admission.

Friday, 8 a.m., Palm Bay's July Fourth Freedom Festival at BCC Palm Bay Campus. Event includes 5K Freedom Run, children's games, apple pie bake-off, sports exhibitions and much more.

Live entertainment begins at 3 p.m. and fireworks at 9 p.m. Call 952-3441.

Friday, all day event, July Fourth Celebration featuring the Brevard Symphony Orchestra at historic Cocoa Village.

Call Jack Wharton at 631-9075 for more information.

### 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** — Pork schnitzel, sauerbraten, Reuben sandwich, bratwurst

**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

**Friday lunch** — Mexican-baked chicken, stuffed green peppers, Swiss steak with tomato sauce

**Friday dinner** July 11— #Lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian sausage

*Menu's are subject to change. For more information, please call dial-a-menu 494-2845. Item with an "#" are healthy choice.*



