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Patrick airman's idea earns him \$10,000

By 1st Lt. Warren Comer

An idea submission for the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program not only saved the 45th Space Wing and its mission partners an estimated \$303,607, an airman from Patrick Air Force Base also made an easy \$10,000.

The IDEA Program is an U.S. Air Force initiative that gives airmen and DoD civilians the chance to be awarded cash for sharing ideas that will save the Air Force money.

Staff Sgt. Al-Quaddir Vines, 45th Communication Squadron assistant manager of Personnel Wireless Communication Systems, was awarded the large sum Monday when he submitted an idea to train military members in his office on how to program and install land mobile radios.

"Maintenance of the radios was con-

tracted, but the programming and installing was outside the contract," said Staff Sgt. Vines. "If we could program, remove and install the radios ourselves, we wouldn't have to pay the contractor extra money for extra services."

According to Staff Sgt. Vines, there are more than 3,000 radios at Patrick and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. While the radio contract would provide basic maintenance, they would charge the wing an additional \$65 for each radio that needed to be programmed and installed. He saw it as an opportunity to save the government a little bit of money while providing his office, mainly managers who don't normally do technical installation, some real hands-on work.

"I noticed the way we paid for the extra services from the contractor and I said to myself, 'We could save money doing it ourselves,'" said Staff Sgt. Vines, who learned how to program and install the radios during a deployment to Kuwait. "I went to see Alexandria Mullins who runs the IDEA Program here."

That's where it all started. During his visit, Staff Sgt. Vines never expected that he'd soon have a \$10,000 check in his hands.

"(Staff Sgt. Vines's idea) was very rewarding to the unit and the wing," said Alexandria Mullins, 45th Space Wing IDEA Program manager. "(The) \$10,000 is just a drop in the bucket compared to the over \$300,000 the wing would have spent. It makes me feel great, especially when we give out the money."

Staff Sgt. Vines says he's been trying to save the Air Force money his entire career. "That was the main goal, saving the wing money," said Staff Sgt. Vines. "This was the first time I've used the IDEA Program. Alexandria was great. She practically held my hand through the entire process."

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Outstanding is just the START!





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

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. -Greetings from C-Springs! After spending some time on the lake in Hayward, Wis., I am back at Headquarters Air Force Space Command for more business and to participate in Lt. Gen. Robert Hinson's retirement ceremony.

For those of you who are not familiar with Hayward, it is a charming town nestled in the woods of northwest Wisconsin. Every year, it plays host to the Lumberjack World Championships at the Lumberjack Bowl, which was once a giant holding pond for logs. This event perpetuates the rich history of logging in that part of our country. Hundreds participate. I was one of more than 10,000 spectators at this three-day festival. We had a ball.

The folks up in Hayward do not have the market cornered when it comes to letting your hair down and having fun. We

have our fair share on the beautiful shores of the Atlantic at Patrick and the Cape too.

And, we're making significant financial investments in our infrastructure and programs

to increase the "fun" quotient on the qualityof-life meter.

Topping the list is our new \$3.9 million golf course clubhouse. We just broke ground on it and I am certain it will be a crowd pleaser when it opens next year. Other things we have done or plan to do include:

- ✓ Upgraded the Cape Fitness Center (\$708K): have plans to add a cover to the basketball court (\$400K, currently unfunded);
- ✓ Bought new playground equipment for Chevron Park (\$89K);
- ✓ Repaired playground equipment in our Central and North Housing Areas (\$100K);
- Repairing the South Housing racquetball courts (\$157K);
- ✓ Expanding Fam Camp and the Officers' Club (\$808K);
- ✓ Remodeled South Housing fire station; transformed it into the Community



The new golf clubhouse should be completed by Nov. 2004, officials sav. (Rendering courtesy of 45th Civil Engineer

Service Center (\$35K);

- ✓ Added new equipment at the Patrick Fitness Center (\$68K);
- ✔ Purchased new equipment for the Auto Skills Center and our Child Development Center (\$41K); and
- ✓ Upgraded our youth sports program (S22.5K).

We are spending this money because we want to ensure that Patrick and the Cape have second to none recreational facilities.

The return on these investments is immeasurable because these quality of life enhancements help keep you and your families in tip top physical and mental shape so you can be at your best for America and better support our mission.

Investing in our facilities is certainly important, but there's nothing more important than investing directly in our kids.

That's why I encourage you to volunteer at our Base Library for Summer Story Time. Volunteers are needed to read to pre-schoolers every Wednesday from 10:30-11 a.m. through Aug. 27. Call 494-6881 to sign up.

One thing I encourage each of you to read is the story about Staff Sgt. Al-Quaddir Vines on Page 1 and the OUTSTANDING idea that netted him \$10,000.

Thanks to his idea to provide local training for users in the programming and installation of land mobile radios, our wing will save an estimated \$303,000 in the first year alone!

Staff Sgt. Vines is a great example of the innovative minds we have at the 45th Space Wing. Well done!

I will be back in the saddle at Patrick next week. In the meantime, stay on task and keep safety first.

This is Motorcycle Safety Month. Whether you are a rider or not, we all share the roads, so please take note of the motorcycle safety messages you're going to see and hear over the coming weeks in the Missileer and other avenues. This initiative has Gen. Lord's personal attention. So let's give it ours.

God bless!



Retired Lt. Col. Marshall Randall takes off his tire with a new air wrench at the Auto Skills Center. It was purchased as part of the wing's quality of life initiative. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery)

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Wearing protective motorcycle gear not an option

By Master Sgt. Ty Foster 21ST SPACE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PETERSON AFB, Colo. - As I sat down to write this article, a staff sergeant friend of mine who is stationed at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., called me on the phone. "Guess what I got," he asked.

"Married," was my first response. I followed that up with a new pickup truck, then a house.

"My Harley," he said. With the pride of a new father, he dealt out detailed specs on his \$21,000 hunk of 100th anniversary American-made engineering.

He started talking about one of his break-in rides. During a motorcycle's "break-in" period, operators are encouraged to stay below 55 miles per hour and "take it easy" so as to let the engine's internal components seat properly.

He was 450 miles into his 500-mile break-in. Cars were passing him and his cool ride left and right. He'd had enough. He blasted past a line of cars – straight into a swarm of bugs that peppered his face and bike. Two of the little winged devils even made their way into his ear canals.

"I'm getting a full-faced helmet," he told me. At the time, he'd been wearing a half-helmet. The full-faced helmet offers more protection from the environment – to include bugs. Aside from the obvious bug protection, the full-face will protect his hearing, his eyes, and, if need be, his skull in the event of a collision.

"I like the 'Harley look,'" he said. Leather vest, shortsleeved T-shirt, jeans, and boots were all he would wear when he went to an upcoming motorcycle rally.

I reminded him that the Air Force and Department of Defense Instructions required the full regalia of protective equipment for active-duty military members at all times, not just on base.

I ran down the laundry list: a Department of Transportation, Snell Memorial or American National Standards Institute standards-approved helmet which is properly fastened under the chin. "Beanie" helmets do not fulfill DOT safety requirements and are not authorized.

He knows that while the Beanie helmets may appeal to some riders because they are both light and inexpensive, they offer virtually no protection to the skull in the event of an impact. So, when people ask me how much they should pay for a helmet, I respond, "How much is your head worth?"

Regardless of how cool he wants to look on his trick new ride, I reminded my friend that the Air Force also regulates protective eyewear for motorcycle riders.

He wears impact resistant goggles, but when he gets his full-faced helmet, he can use the properly fastened $\,$

face-shield as eye protection. He knows that neither eyeglasses nor sunglasses are authorized by the instructions.

He's also smart enough to realize the reasoning: windblast at highway speeds causes the eyes to dry out. The eye's natural response is to tear up. Tears obscure the vision thereby reducing the rider's number one sense for perceiving hazards in his path. Additionally, studies have shown that riders who only wear sunglasses as eye protection are less likely to turn their heads to check their blind spots. Why? Because the force of the wind rips their sunglasses right off their face. Voila. No eye protection.

Since he doesn't have a windshield I didn't have to tell him that it isn't considered adequate eye protection unless the windshield is equal to or higher than the height of the operator's helmet, when sitting in an upright position.

His ideal image already factored in leather boots. He knows we're required to wear sturdy footwear and that over-the-ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.

The long pants required by Air Force Instruction 91-207 didn't seem to be a problem either. He'd probably buy some leather chaps soon, too. A Kevlar impregnated riding suit just didn't seem to fit the image he was shooting for though.

He had a good set of leather motorcycle gloves. They'd come in handy with the bugs, and they also gave him a better grip on his hand controls.

He balked at having to wear long sleeved shirt or jacket all of the time. Then the all-too-familiar argument against the contrasting colored, outer upper garment – most people commonly think of the infamous orange vest – popped up.

We didn't even get to the fact that he has to wear a reflective upper garment when riding at night. As a fellow Air Force professional and his senior in rank, I had to step up on my Core Values soapbox to show him the big picture. "It doesn't really matter what you think about wearing them," I told him. "You gave up that choice when you took your Oath of Enlistment." Just as wearing our hair and our uniform are matters of compliance, so too, is wearing all of the protective equipment required by military instructions.

"It's about your integrity, not your image," I told him.

What the required riding gear may do is protect us from serious injury or death in the event of a collision.

"Nothing you wear will prevent an accident," I said. "The only protective gear that will do that is between your ears."

Motorcycle safety really is an attitude. (Air Force Space Command News Service)

For extra measure

Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4 and Air Force Instruction 91-207 outline mandatory protective equipment for base motorcycle riders.

- ▶ Helmets must be certified to meet Department of Tran-sportation, Snell Memorial, or American National Standards Institute standards, and be properly fastened under the chin. "Beanie" helmets do not fulfill DOT safety requirements and are not authorized.
- ▶ Eye protection must be impact- or shatter-resistant goggles, or full-face shield, properly attached to the helmet. Eyeglasses alone are not proper eye protection, nor are the motorcycle's windshield, unless the windshield is equal to or higher than the height of the operator's helmet, when sitting in an upright position.
- ▶ Sturdy footwear is mandatory. Leather boots or over-theankle shoes are strongly recommended. Protective clothing: Long trousers and a long-sleeved shirt or jacket must be worn while operating or riding on a motorcy-
- ▶ Additionally, a brightly colored, outer upper garment must be worn during daytime rides and a reflective upper garment must be worn at night. These must be clearly visible and not covered by backpacks or similar accessories.
- ▶ Gloves: Riders and their passengers will wear full-fingered gloves that are designed for use on a motorcycle.

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Submitting an idea to the IDEA Program is easy. Anyone with an idea should write out a submission in a three-paragraph format.

The first paragraph should explain the way a system or piece of equipment is used now, a fix or solution to the problem in the second paragraph and a third paragraph stating reasons for savings to the government.

It's suggested that anyone with an idea not spread or share it with many people before submitting it, said Mullins.

"If you see something wrong, try to fix it," said Staff Sgt. Vines. "You owe it to the Air Force and yourself."

Staff Sgt. Vines says he's going to take a much needed vacation with his wife and wisely invest the rest of his award.

"If you have an idea, go for it," he said. "It was the easiest \$10,000 I've ever made."

Got an IDEA?

Visit https://ideas.randolf.af.mil, e-mail the 45th Space Wing IDEA Program Office idea@patrick.af.mil, or call Alexandria Mullins at 494-7808.

AF announces Boeing inquiry results

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials announced July 24 that the Boeing Company has committed serious violations of federal law. This determination is based on the service's review into allegations of wrongdoing by Boeing during the 1998 evolved expendable launch vehicle source selection.

As a result, the Air Force will suspend three Boeing Integrated Defense System business units and three former Boeing employees from eligibility for new government contracts. The suspensions are issued against the Boeing Company's Launch Systems, Boeing Launch Services and Delta Program business units as they existed in the Boeing organizational structure as of July 21. This suspension will apply to these business units regardless of where they fall in any Boeing reorganization.

"Our inquiry into Boeing found that they were in possession of thousands of pages of Lockheed Martin proprietary EELV documents during the 1998 source selection," said Peter B. Teets, undersecretary of the Air Force. "As a matter of policy we do not tolerate breaches of procurement integrity and we hold industry accountable for the actions of their employees. We believe the suspension is necessary and we hope all contractors will take note and strive to enforce the highest integrity standards in their organizations."

The individuals suspended are William David Erskine, former ground operations lead on Boeing's EELV program; Kenneth V. Branch, former senior engineer and scientist on Boeing's EELV program; and Larry Dean Satchell, a former member of Boeing's EELV proposal team.

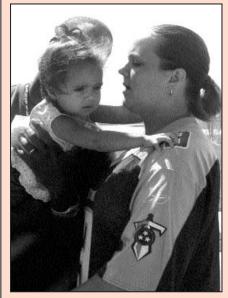
In addition, the Air Force will notify Boeing of its intent to reallocate launches under its existing EELV contract, which was awarded in October 1998, and is known as Buy I. Under this reallocation, the Air

Force will reduce the total number of Boeing Buy I Delta IV launches from 19 to 12. The Air Force will increase the total number of Lockheed Martin Buy I Atlas V launches from seven to 14.

The Air Force will permit Lockheed Martin to develop a West Coast launch capability at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., by upgrading an existing launch facility.

The Air Force also announced the results of its EELV Buy II decision. The Air Force disqualified Boeing from the award of three Buy II launches, and plans to award Lockheed Martin three Buy II launches from Vandenberg.

The Boeing Delta IV and Lockheed Martin's Atlas V are the two families of EELVs. They were developed with the Air Force to modernize and reduce the cost of the nation's spacelift operation while providing the United States with assured access to space. (Air Force Print News)



See you soon!

About 15 45th Security Forces Squadron members left on a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Saturday. The 45th SFS members deploy to contingency bases to provide base and airfield security. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery)

2nd Brigade, 87th Division changes command

By 1st Lt. Warren Comer

A change of command ceremony took place Saturday for the 2nd Brigade, 87th Division (Training Support), where Col. Kenneth Crowe handed over command to Col. Christian de Graff at Patrick Air Force Base.

The almost 800 strong 2nd Brig., a mission partner of the 45th Space Wing, is one of five brigades in the 87th Division responsible for providing training support to seven battalions throughout Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Training ranges from preparing Reserve and National Guard components for a wartime mission, future mobilizations and providing military support to civil authorities.

Major Gen. William Watson, Jr., 87th Div. (TS) commander, conducted the ceremony.

"The 2nd Brig., 87th Div. mobilized and trained 13,000 people in operations ranging from Kosovo ... to Operation Iraqi Freedom, said Maj. Gen. Watson. "Every mission they did was accomplished on time, standard and right the first time."

When Operation Iraqi Freedom started, three

infantry battalions of the 124th Inf. from the 53rd enhanced Separate Brig., as well as other units of the Army Reserve, Florida Army National Guard and Puerto Rican National Guard were mobilized by the 87th's mobilization assistance team and then sent to support forces in Iraq.

The 2nd Brig., 87th Div. (TS) dates back to World War I when the division was the 87th Inf. Div. In World War II, the 87th Inf. Div. served as part of Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army.

The division's most significant accomplishment was during World War II when allied forces broke through the Siegfried Line and captured the strategic city of Koblenz. The division was dubbed the 'Liberators of Koblenz.'

The 87th Inf. Div. made its way across Europe, eventually linking up with Russian military forces at the Czechoslovakian border in the early spring of 1945.

The division was reactivated after the Gulf War when military leaders decided that new methods and organizations were needed to improve the combat readiness of the Reserve

The 87th Division's recent accomplishments

during the war on terrorism, mobilizing a large number of troops when their nation needs them, is a direct reflection of the time and effort it requires for the U.S. Army to prepare active, Reserve and Guard components.

"Training soldiers and taking care of families is our hallmark," said Col. de Graff, 2nd Brig., 87th Div. (TS) commander. "(We're) ready to serve."



Col. Christian de Graff takes command of the 2nd Brig., 87th Div. (TS) Saturday. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

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New fire station to provide better support to CCAFS

Bigger facility will improve operations, department services

By Ida Barry

It won't happen until sometime in June 2004 but personnel at the Space Gateway Support's Fire Station Number 1 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station are excited about their new workplace.

A groundbreaking ceremony for a new state-of-the-art facility will be held on Thursday.

The station will be located approximately one-eighth of a mile from the Cape Canaveral airfield known as the "Skid Strip," and replaces the more than 35-year-old one currently located on the corner of Skid Strip Road and Phillips Parkway.

Although the new station will provide combined support to both the Air Force and NASA, its primary customer will continue to be Cape Canaveral AFS.

"Currently we provide fire protection coverage for the administrative and industrial area of Cape Canaveral AFS," said Gerald Wimberly, Space Gateway Support fire chief.

"The response forces assigned to this station are capable of responding to structural, aircraft crash rescue, hazardous materials and medical emergencies. The new station will continue to



Gerald Wimberly, Space Gateway Support fire chief at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, reviews plans for the new fire station. The state-of-the-art facility will replace the 35-year-old station currently located on the corner of Skid Strip Road and Phillips Parkway. (Photo by Samuel Gutierrez)

provide this support."

The new firehouse will be a 33,000-squarefoot structure with seven drive-through stalls and 14 spaces to park emergency equipment. "The existing building is only 17,632 square feet and does not have the space to park all the equipment inside and away from the elements," said Mr. Wimberly. "The new facility will provide us with plenty of space."

The new facility will also offer space for more personnel.

"Right now I have some departments split up in various areas. The bigger facility will permit me to consolidate these sections and smaller functions of the department into one area," said the fire chief. "This will make it easier for all of us to operate and provide a better service."

The firefighters at the station are excited about moving into the new station.

"The new building will be a vast improvement over what we currently have," said Jim Farmer, operations chief of SGS fire rescue.

"The quality of life

will be improved for the three fire officers and 11 combat firefighter personnel currently assigned to this station. It will be a great morale boost for everyone."

See historic Cape

Military and DoD civilians may bring their family members to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station to tour the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and Space and Missile Museum on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Volunteers will help guide visitors and provide historical input about the Cape while mannning the museum and lighthouse.

Log on the 45th Space Wing intranet at https://pafbweb.partick.af.mil/45SPTG/CapeVisit.doc and download the form that will allow people to this event.

Scholarships to be awarded

The Space Coast Association of Chief Master Sergeants is currently accepting applications for their annual scholarship program. Airman basic through master sergeants retired enlisted members and enlisted family members are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Applications need to be submitted to the SCACM by Sept. 15.

Anyone interested may obtain an application with specific documentation requirements from the education office or any chief master sergeant.

Meeting features culture

Celebrate and learn more about the Native American culture. Meetings are held on Thurs. from 10-11 am. in the MPF Inprocessing Room. For more information, call Wesley Westphal at 494-9386 or 2nd Lt. Bernice Zollner at 494-2894.

No entry with Cape badge

All military, DoD civilians and contractors must now enter Patrick with their Common Access Card. Cape badges will no longer be accepted.

Dental clinic changes hours

The Dental Clinic will change its hours of operation on Aug. 25. It will then be open Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Sick Call will be at 7:30 a.m. The clinic will remain closed the third Friday of each month for training. For further information, call a detal representative at 494-6366.

Take CLEP test

English CLEP with essay will be given Oct. 10. CLEP will be with-drawing the test after October and will become computer-based. Those needing the test for CCAF or one of the local colleges, call the Education Center at 494-2071.

Legal Office closes

The Legal Office will be closed Aug. 8 due to an official function

OSI recruits

Active-duty, reservists or civilians interested in serving the country through law enforcement may apply for a position with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. Applicants must be U.S.

Citizens, eligible for worldwide duty, healthy and physically fit and be of outstanding character and integrity.

Enlisted should be E-4 and above. All military must posses a supberb military record. Civilians must have must have a bachelors degree. For more information, call 494-5794.

Join Sergeant's Association

The Air Force Sergeant's Association Chapter 557 meets the first Wed. of every month at 7 p.m. in the NCO Club. All enlisted personnel are welcome to attend. The next meeting is Aug. 6. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Daniel Oien at 243-8573.

Learn something new

Call the Family Support Center at 494-5675 for these classes: Tues. Employment Orientation, 9:30 a.m. - noon; Tues. CGO Quarterly Financial Class, 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Wing Quarterly Award winners selected for April through June

Company Grade Officer



2nd Lt. Rosalyn Russ
The 45th Operations Group
officer established a computer
program to track work orders.
She also integrated a system to
mitigate costly processing delays.

Senior NCO



Master Sgt. Mitchell Miller The AFTAC chief leads the daily operations of the AFTAC help desk for more than 700 users. He volunteers for multiple nonprofit organizations.

Civilian category I



Alina Pietroforte
The 45th Services Squadron commercial sponsorship
coordinator secured seven contracts for the air show and initiated a fund tracking system.

Civilian category II



Salvatore Noto
The 45th Mission Support
Group employee coordinated
volunteer appreciation week and
breakfast, and provided assistance to less fortunate families.

Airman



Senior Airman Joshua Bricker
The AFTAC airman is pursuing two degrees and recently earned an associate's degree.
He also volunteers for two non-profit organizations.

Honor Guard airman



Senior Airman Richard Mongold The Honor Guard airman performed 26 details and assisted in training 13 new Honor Guard members.

Civilian volunteer



Joan Persinger
The 45th Contracting Squadron employee donated hundreds of hours monitoring family enrichment programs.

Honor guard NCO



Tech. Sgt.
Richard Rousseau
The Honor Guard NCO managed 20 full-time Honor Guard
members during 50 details at
more than 300 hours.

Team excellence



45th Medical Information Systems
Team members are: 1st Lt. Robert Allen,
Staff Sgts. James Parker, Danny Overby,
John Stephens and Jason Humphries, and
Senior Airmen Melissa Turner and Petra
Holloway.

Several other winners were honored at the 45th Space Wing Quarterly Awards ceremony but weren't available for pictures.

Master Sgt. Jason Pillow, 1st Space Lauch Squadron, took home the Military Volunteer of the Quarter. He spearheaded the cleaning and restoration of a local community's forgotten veteran's memorial cemetery.

He was actively involved in the beach clean-up, which helped remove almost 14 tons of trash over 13 miles. William Beardsley, 45th Medical Group, was awarded the Civilian Volunteer of the Quarter. He performed quality control checks on 30,000 medications for more than 15,000 customers and processed more than 600 drive-through customers weekly accounting for more than 17 percent of drive-through refill customers.

Laura Ulrich, 45th Mission Supoprt Group, won the Category III Civilian of the Quarter. She spearheaded a rapid design of the new running trail for Cape personnel and was the driver behind critical, time sensitive execution of a \$4.9 million program.

Tech. Sgt. Virginia Gilliard, 45th Medical Group, was awarded the Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter. She researched and accessed Air Force Materiel Command's high dollar drug program and netted several patient medications worth \$200,000 at no cost to Patrick Air Force Base.



AFSPC vice commander reflects on 33 years of service

By Christina Paguyo

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. - Leader, mentor, commander, husband, father and innovator: Lt. Gen. Robert Hinson wears these titles with passion and dedication. After 33 years of Air Force service, he retires as vice commander of Air Force Space Command. As Lt. Gen. Hinson reflects on the future, his memories travel back to the leader who first inspired him.

In 1970, Lt. Gen. Hinson's determination and resolve as an administrative specialist grabbed his wing commander's attention at Scott AFB, Ill. "Col. John Self took a personal interest in me, a young airman, and vectored me into pursuing Officer Training School and pilot training," he recalled. Encouragement and motivation helped Lt. Gen. Hinson pass the physical exam and enter OTS with flying colors.

After OTS, his career soared. His passion for flying made him a command pilot with more than 3,000 flight hours, primarily in bomber aircraft. He commanded many units including a bomber squadron, operations group, tactics and training wing, bomb wing, space wing and numbered air force. Lt. Gen. Hinson was deputy commander in chief of U.S. Strategic Command for two years before taking his current position.

Lt. Gen. Hinson has moved 23 times, received 21 assignments, worked under the leadership of seven presidents and seen three wars. Although he has witnessed much reorganization, he said, the Air Force has not changed in one aspect: It consistently draws people who are dedicated and determined to go above and beyond without concern for pay or status.

"Leadership requires dedication ... professionalism ... and the ability to show emotion. As a leader. you make decisions that are timely and sensible, but you're not always popular in every case," he said. "But regardless of popularity, you're always trying to do the right thing."

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Lt. Gen. Hinson was on the front lines of space's contributions to the

Space and technology helped troops navigate in severe conditions, assisted aviators in the delivery of weapons, enabling precision munitions to be used more accurately than ever before. Troops took advantage of space's high ground without putting people in harm's way, he said.

The success of OIF is one milestone as to where we are today, but it is only a steppingstone to where we will ultimately need to be 10, 20 years down the road," he said. He believes that space capabilities will be a center of gravity for this country, but hopefully, he added, the military will never become so space dependent that the high frontier becomes an Achilles' heel. Rather than depending on one aspect of fighting, the military should use all facets of warfare, he said.

"After Sept. 11, you saw a surge of young people who sensed a need to serve ... they are very patriotic, they are very determined, they are very dedicated, and they do have a purpose for what they want to do," Lt. Gen. Hinson

He carries the torch of inspiration by guiding and cultivating troops today. "You've got to enjoy what you do," Lt. Gen. Hinson. "You're in this not necessarily for the it comes to serving for a cause.

"This cause means protecting our freedoms, our lives and our families, which are an integral part of the Air Force. The Air Force provides stability and predictability to our folks, so they can do important things with families, like going to kids' baseball games or soccer games or share family times," said Hinson.

Sharing those family times made the journey possible, according to the general, who has been married to wife Karen since 1969 and is "dad" to children Lisa, Bryan and Stephen.



money, you're in this for a Lt. Gen. Robert Hinson steps down as the vice commander of Air Force Space whole different reason when Command. (Photo courtesy of Air Force Space Command Public Affairs)

"I certainly could not have done any of those things without Karen or our kids. I think Karen is about as dedicated and committed to the Air Force as I am. It has been an absolutely incredible adventure for my entire family."

After retirement, Lt. Gen. Hinson hopes to continue to work in a role that contributes to the community or supports the military. Such passion can best be described by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's famous words in 1962: "Duty, honor, country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be." Lt. Gen. Hinson is a testament to these words as he practices the Air Force core values in his professional and personal life.

Today, that airman is an exemplary leader who guides airmen to do great things. And 33 years from now, those airmen — tomorrow's leaders - are forever touched by Hinson's legacy of honesty, fairness and philanthropy.

"Serving in this capacity is the absolute pinnacle of my career, and there will never be anything quite like it." said Lt. Gen. Hinson.



Base softball team still going strong

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

Although the base softball season ended a few weeks ago, there are some servicemembers still running bases and chasing down fly balls.

The Varsity B base softball team took third place at the National Softball recent Association Military World Series, held at Walter Reid Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

The team competed in a double- elimination tournament with 14 other teams from all branches of service.

Only 14 of the 18 team members were able to make the trip. said team captain Scott Harris. Harris admitted the competition was pretty good.

The team won four out of their six tournament games, defeating teams from places like Mayport Naval Air Station, MacDill Air ment last year in Pensacola. Force Base and Fort Myers Army Post.

Three members of the team were chosen to represent Patrick on the all-tournament team, John Howorth and Steve Kallemeres from AFTAC and Enrique Barerra from Security Forces. Harris thanked the people at the fitness center for their help.

"This was the first time we've had support from the fitness center," said Harris.

The Fitness Center paid the teams association fees, entrance fee and provided money for gas, said Howorth.

The tournament gave players a chance to meet up with some old friends.

"It's great getting out there and seeing people again," said Howorth. The softball team placed third in the same tourna-

"It's nice hanging out with other ball players," said Harris of the tournaments atmosphere. "Everyone had a great time."

The team has had its share of success, winning a previous tournament at the Sunburn Festival in Cocoa, and capturing third place in D.C.

With two successful tournaments under their belts, the team is setting its sights on its next tournament, the Military World Series in Panama City beginning

"Teamwork is one of our biggest strengths," said Howorth. "Another large reason for the team's success has been its roleplayers."

The team hopes to keep the winning tradition going Patrick.

Sports briefs

Sign up for soccer

Register through the close of business Aug. 1 for youth soccer to be assured a slot in the fall Recreational Soccer Program. Player assessments for ages 8-11 are Aug. 4 and teams form for all age divisions by Aug. 8. Season begins Sept. 6 and concludes Nov. For additional information, call 494-4747 or 494-3770.

Intramural volleyball

The Fitness Center has sent out letters of intent for intramural volleyball. The season is scheduled to begin Aug. 18. Entries must be turned in to the Fitness Center by Aug. 7. A coaches meeting will be held Aug. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center conference room. Rosters must be submitted prior to the first game. For more information contact Ralph Robinson, program manager, at 494-4947.



James Cook provides instruction to Lina Leitsch during the week-long Major League soccer camp at Adams field in South Housing. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery)

Soccer camp provides fun, instruction to Patrick's youth

By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

The Youth Activities Center sponsored a Major League Soccer Camp this week at Adams field in South Housing.

This is the third year Patrick has offered the summer camp.

The week-long clinic brings coaches from around the United States and players from overseas to teach children the fundamentals of soccer.

Randy Detwiler, youth sports director, is responsible for bringing the program

here.
"Soccer is not the traditional sport in the U.S., but the kids really seem to enjoy it," he said.

"In soccer the younger kids really don't have to worry about errors; the worst that may happen is you kick the ball the wrong

Major League Soccer offers these clinics at a discount rate for the military.

The camp conducts classes by age groups. The first group is ages 4 to 7. The second group is ages 8 to 11.

This year's coaches, Paul Gibson and James Cook, hail from England.

During the program, the coaches, college students who play soccer in England, stay with local families.

Both coaches grew up with the sport and have more than a decade of soccer experience. Gibson said he enjoys working with the children.

"Its about having a good laugh," said coach Gibson, "I'm a big kid anyway."

Gibson says he isn't really concerned with the skill level of the younger children. "The main goal is just getting them used to the ball, and keeping it under control.'

Coach Cook says he likes instructing the 4 to 7 age group he

"Working with them puts a smile on your face; you can James Cook come out and self."

When it comes

to the older kids, it's nice to see some progression, Cook added."It feels good to see the kids using the skills they've been taught during the clinic."

"These guys are great," Detwiler said about the coaches. "The kids love having coaches from other countries. The coaches provide active instruction. During classes they keep the children moving constantly, helping them stay physically fit."

Working with them puts a smile on your refers to as "the face; you can come out and just munchkins." enjoy yourself.

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At the movies

Friday Alex and Emma Kate, a stenographer, is hired to help Alex complete his novel. Along with writer's block, Alex owes \$100,000 to Cuban loan sharks and has only one month to make good. If he doesn't finish his book, he's a dead man. Stars Luke Wilson and Kate Hudson. (PG-13 for sexual content and some language)

Saturday *The Hulk* In this adaptation of the long-running Marvel comic, "The Incredible Hulk," research scientist Dr. Bruce Banner's failed experiments cause him to mutate into a monstrously powerful and savage green-skinned monster whenever he loses control of his emotions. Stars Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly. (PG-13 for sci-fi action violence, some disturbing images and brief partial nudity)

Sunday *Justin to Kelly* Spring break in Miami is the scene. It's where surf-drenched guys cruise for girls in bikinis and raucous parties rule day and night. It's the perfect time and place for three young women from Texas and a trio of college guys from Pennsylvania to find adventure and maybe even fall in love. Stars Kelly Clarkson and Justin Guarini. (PG for thematic elements, sexuality and language)

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, stirfry 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 – Lasagna, spaghetti with meatballs, chicken cacciatore, Italian sausage, pasta primavera

Wednesday Dinner - Barbecue spare ribs, *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

Menu's are subject to change. For more information, dial-a-menu at 494-2845. Items with an asterisk (*) are healthy choice.



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.

Sunday School: 10 a.m. at the Education Center for pre-kindergarten - 6th grade, grades 7-12 at 6 p.m. at South Patrick Chapel.

Protestant

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Seaside Chapel. 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday school in Seaside Chapel

9:45 a.m. Grades K-12 at South Patrick Chapel

11 a.m. Inspirational Service in the South Patrick Chapel

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Fellowship dinner in the South Patrick Chapel.

Be a winner with ATWIND

This year, 12 Air Mobility Command bases and nine Air Force Space Command major installations are participating in Around The World In Ninety Days. Each base completing its ATWIND mission receives \$5,000 in cash. Help Patrick Air Force Base achieve the goal of 100 percent to receive quality-of-life money.

Log on to http://www.atwind.com and play. Three bases that most exceed their mission goal will receive \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively. Both AMC and AFSPC each have \$100,000 they will award to bases achieving their ATWIND mission this year. Thousands of prizes are still available. The game ends Aug. 31. Call 494-4375 or 494-8063 for information.

Get lunch in 10 minutes

For a limited time, the Officers' Club has a lunch menu for those in a hurry. Order from the a' la carte menu and lunch is guaranteed to be served in 10 minutes, or it's free. Offer applies to a party of four or less. Time begins after the server leaves the table.

Learn to SCUBA dive

Take a Professional Association of Diving Instructors certified class Aug. 11-23. Open-water dives are Aug. 17 and Aug. 23 in south Florida. The cost of the class is \$235 and includes equipment rental. Call 494-2042 for more information.

Dive for lobsters

Outdoor Recreation offers a trip to Boynton Beach Aug. 9 and Aug. 30. The cost for the trip is \$70. All equipment, dive boat fees and road trip transportation are included. The van leaves at 9:30 a.m. on both days. Call 494-2042 to sign up for one of these trips as soon as possible. Available space is limited.

Get a private pilot's license

The Patrick Aero Club's Ground School classes for private pilot, instrument pilot and commercial pilots are held throughout the summer.

Tuition assistance pays 100 percent of the course upon completion. Call 494-4356 for information on dates and times.

Skills Center needs instructors

The Skills Center is looking for individuals interested in teaching arts and craft classes. Classes offered are oil painting, Creative Memories (scrapbooking) and watercolor classes. Call the Skills Center at 494-4270 for information.

Get cruising

Information, Ticket and Travel has special deals on cruises. Stop by their office in Patrick's Mini Mall or call them at 494-5158 for details.

Action Line: 494-6550



Gen. Paylovich 45 SW Commander

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White II St, Ste C-130, Patrick AFB FL 32925-3237; fax, 494-7302. Address all correspondence "Attn: Action Line."

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Events

Aug. 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. City of Cape Canaveral National Night Out at City Park/Youth Center located at Orange and Monroe Avenues. Block party with patriotic and carnival atmosphere for all ages. Event features patriotic music, food and raffles. Admission is free.

Aug. 16, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. World's Greatest Baby Shower at the Greater Palm Bay Senior Center, 1275 Culver Drive, N.E., Palm Bay. This event is for all new and expectant parents including adoptive parents. It offers educational exhibits and helpful presentations by medical and other experts, light refreshments and door prizes. Admission is free. Call 633-1702 or 952-4536 for details.

Festivals

Aug. 1, 6-10 p.m. Titus Nights Street Party in historic downtown Titusville. Family fun night including live music, games, dance demonstrations, antique cars and food booths. Admission is free. Call 267-3036 for more information.

Aug. 16, 4-10 p.m. Jazzmania at Goode Park in Palm Bay. Features children events, exotic foods and continuous entertainment. Admission is \$7 for adults and children under 14 are free with paying adult. Call 952-3441 for more information.

Aug. 16-17 8th Annual Fais Das-Dos Cajun Festival and Craft Show at Wickham Road, Melbourne. August 16, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Aug. 17, noon - 6 p.m. Family event featuring Cajun bands, dances, a "kid's cove" and arts and crafts show.

Admission is \$3 donation for adults and children 12 and under are free. Call 632-7445 for more information.

Aug. 23, 3-10 p.m. Annual Teen Fest 2003 at Kiwanis Island Park in Merritt Island. Festival is for high school students ages 13-17. Features include music with live bands, extreme sports, games, food and fun. Cost is \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. Call 633-1874 for more information.

Aug. 30-31 Family Salsa Festival at Brevard Community College in Melbourne. Event features music, pageant, caribbean food, beverages and activities for all children.

Admission is \$13, \$20 at the door, \$3 for children under age 12. Call 253-0363 for more information.

Sep. 28, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. 42nd Annual West Virginia Days at Fox Lake Park in Titusville. All day event includes exhibition dancing, miniature train rides, silent auctions, hourly door prizes and food. Admission is free.

Have a story idea?

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