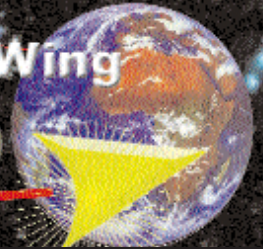


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## Titan IV team eyes record

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Military members will be able to communicate better anywhere in the world as they hunt down terrorists thanks to this Tuesday's 45th Space Wing launch of a Titan IVB carrying a Milstar 2 satellite from Space Launch Complex 40.

The Milstar 2 is one of the most advanced communication satellites in the Department of Defense's inventory.

It will also be the first step in three that could put Team Titan in the record books. "To my knowledge, there's never been three Titans launched from the same pad in the same year," said Lt. Col. Anthony Cotton, 3rd Space Launch Squadron commander and Air Force launch director.

However, the key here isn't that it starts Team Titan into the record books, but it makes terrorist hunters' job a little easier.

It will provide a communication relay between the national command authority and military forces. Not only will it have voice capabilities, but data, imagery and video.

Milstar's "switchboard-in-space" concept allows communication links to be established rapidly and is a revolutionary departure from current communications systems. The spacecraft constellation provides protected, global communication links for the joint forces of the U.S. military and can transmit voice, data and imagery, in addition to offering video-teleconferencing capabilities, said Steve Tatum, Lockheed Martin spokesperson.

In a nutshell, this "multi-service switchboard-in-space" is used for communication among ships, submarines and land-based naval stations, and provides communications networks to Army units that can't be jammed in vehicles or to individuals. For the Air Force, the Milstar system provides links for Command Post terminals.

"This is the final Milstar satellite in the Milstar constellation, ensuring worldwide communication for U.S. forces," Mr. Tatum said.

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## Let's roll!

A U.S. Air Force Delta II rocket sits at Space Launch Complex 17B at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station shortly before lifting off at 1:06 p.m. Jan. 29. The rocket boosted a Global Positioning System satellite and an XSS-10 payload into orbit. Its payload fairing was emblazoned with a special "Let's Roll!" logo that paid tribute to the heroes of 9/11. See story on Page 3. (Photo by Jeff Wolfe)

**OUTSTANDING IS JUST THE START!**



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich  
45TH SW COMMANDER

Greetings everyone! Wasn't it great to see the Delta II with the Global Positioning System IIR-8 and XSS-10 satellites roar off the launch pad Wednesday? The GPS will definitely help our warfighters overseas fight the war on terror and any future conflicts our nation may be involved. Primarily, the GPS will allow precise targeting of enemy forces for our laser-guided technology.

Congratulations to Lt. Col. Brad Broemmell and the entire 1st Space Launch Squadron, the Boeing Company, the Space and Missile Systems Center and the entire Delta II team for expertly preparing the rocket for its mission. All of you made the U.S. military stronger and more capable than it was before this launch.

I want to thank Capt. Joy Meade for all the work she did ensuring the Delta II launched with the Air Force's official "Let's Roll" nose art. This was the wing's symbolic tribute to the heroes of 9/11 and her initiative and leadership made it happen. A decal was also placed on the Pad 17B tower that launched the GPS as a permanent reminder of our efforts in fighting the war on terror.

I'm looking forward to Tuesday's launch of a Milstar Satellite Communications System satellite aboard a Titan IV-B. The Milstar is a joint service satellite communications system that will provide secure, jam resistant worldwide communications to meet the essential wartime requirements for high priority military users. In other words, our commanders will be able to communicate with their troops on the battlefield better than ever before.

For this launch, Mr. Peter Teets, undersecretary of the Air Force, is scheduled to attend and I'd like all of us to give him a warm 45th Space Wing welcome. Mr. Teets is the Air Force's number one advocate for space and we couldn't have a finer individual leading the charge. I can't wait for him to see you in action.

I know a tremendous amount of work was done by the 3rd Space Launch Squadron, SMC, Lockheed-Martin and the entire Milstar/Titan IV-B team in preparing the Titan and its payload for this mission. This is another prime

example of our launch team providing the war fighters the latest and greatest in technology that will help them carry the day on the battlefield. I wish you the best of luck, keeping in mind luck is nothing more than preparation meeting opportunity. And what an opportunity Tuesday will be for the 45th Space Wing.

Important work around the wing hasn't been all operations related. The folks on the mission support side have been busting their backsides as well making the wing look good for some very important visitors who were here this week.

Led by Col. Steve Werner, 45th Mission Support Group commander and Lt. Col. Jack Sproul, 45th Services Squadron commander, his team made all the arrangements for both the Vice Chief of Staff's Forum and the Air Combat Command General Officer Steering Group meeting held at Patrick.

Along with all the conference arrangements for scheduling, meals, technical support and lodging, the team also had to worry about the multiple arrivals and departures of the nearly 100 people connected to the VCSAF's Forum and the 60 people with the ACC group. To give you a feel for the visibility of this event, at one time, we had more than 50 general officers on Patrick at once.

For anyone who has worked a conference or is familiar with protocol requirements, you know this was a monumental task. But one the 45th Space Wing team stepped up to and executed flawlessly. Along with Lt. Col. Sproul, I know Maj. Travis Dixon and Capt. Paul Odum were key players in the planning and execution of the event. There were also approximately 25 other key players from the Operations Support Squadron, Civil Engineering Squadron, Protocol, Security Police, Services and many others that made this happen.

You all did it flawlessly and as Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Robert H. Foglesong stated, "I've never seen a base look better." So thanks again to the military, civilian and contractor team for making such a strong impression on the leadership of our Air Force. But we need to remain focused as the annual Corona conference kicks off in just a couple of weeks. I know we'll be ready since our team really took "Outstanding is just the START!" to heart.

I'm very excited about tomorrow night's annual awards banquet starting at 5 p.m. We have a sell out for the event as we honor the well-deserving folks who have made numerous sacrifices throughout the year to make the wing

a better place to work and live for us all.

As in any competition, there will be many more runner-ups than winners. But for all the nominees, I'd like to publicly acknowledge that you all are the best of the best already. I'm proud to be your commander and each and every one of you has stepped up to the plate and met any challenge laid before you.

Tomorrow night, I sure hope you track me down and say hello and introduce me to your spouse or date. It'll be my honor to tell them personally how great I think you are. I know with the difficulties facing our military in the days ahead it will be great to have such fabulous people to get our important mission in national defense completed. SUPER JOB to all the nominees and to the commanders, supervisors and friends coming out tomorrow night, thanks for the support!

Tonight we have our annual Commander's Civilian/Military banquet. I'd like to thank Babs Angel from our Public Affairs' staff and Mr. Don Beck from the Civ/Mil committee for working this project hard and putting on a fine event. The Civ/Mil organization does countless things to support our wing. They do everything from purchasing a bus for our honor guard to providing financial support to our Guardian Challenge team. They are a great organization and if you ever meet a member, please thank them for all they do.

For both events, we are luck to have the group Starlifter from the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America, Scott AFB, Ill.

The six-piece group of talented musicians performs in virtually every musical idiom, from jazz to country, to great contemporary and traditional patriotic songs.

If you go to either event, I know you will be entertained and impressed. HMMM... I wonder if they know any good German polka music.

Don't forget about the National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 6 at the Officer's Club. Both our first sergeants and the Chapel are selling tickets. It'll be a great event.

Finally, I can't believe the month of January is already put to bed. It was a great start to the New Year with no major accidents to 45th Space Wing people.

That is one month down and 11 to go. Please keep working safe and always keep security at the forefront of the mission.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the warmer weather now that it has returned. God Bless!



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# Wing honors 9/11 victims

By 1st Lt. Eric Badger

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The World's Premier Gateway to Space turned launching into a work of art Jan. 29.

During Wednesday's successful launch of the Delta II carrying a Global Positioning System satellite and the experimental XSS-10 micro-satellite, the 45th Space Wing unveiled the "Let's Roll!" nose art design on the Delta II rocket in honor of the heroes of Sept. 11.

This marks the first time, and will be the only launch in the 50-year storied history of Cape Canaveral, that the artwork will appear on a rocket launched from the Cape.

Throughout Air Force history, airmen have used aircraft nose art as a special way to express patriotism for their country and pride in their unit and crew.

The "Let's Roll" nose art was created to pay respect to the courage of those who died aboard United Flight 93, as well as all victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedies.

"Let's Roll!" has served as a rallying cry for this nation as we go forward in our war on terrorism," said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff. "We are proud to display this new nose art on our aircraft."

Todd Beamer, a passenger on Flight 93, made the words, "Let's roll," famous. Beamer, a 32-year-old businessman, Sunday School teacher, husband and father led other passengers in fighting terrorists for control of Flight 93 before it crashed into a field in western Pennsylvania.

He was overheard on a cellular phone saying,

“ The 'Let's Roll!' nose art is a symbolic representation of our nation.... It symbolizes the fact that nothing will stop the United States of America. ”

– Capt. Joy Meade

1ST SPACE LAUNCH SQUADRON



"Let's roll!" as passengers charged the terrorists.

"Let's Roll!" reminds us all that every little thing matters because it matters greatly to the

warfighters," said Capt. Joy Meade, project officer for the Delta II nose art and member of the 1st Space Launch Squadron. "We are a Total Force. Just as we rely on them, they need our support and dedication to be successful against the war on terrorism. It is a reminder that we are still in the fight for the victims of 9/11 and the warfighters of today. One team, one fight."

The "Let's Roll!" nose art was placed on the Delta II rocket not only as a remembrance of Sept. 11, its heroes and victims, but

also due to the Global Positioning System's impact to the warfighter, according to Capt. Meade.

The GPS satellite serves various purposes for the nation such as assistance with gas purchases and credit card use. The system also serves our warfighters as the key link to vectoring laser-guided bombs into terrorist caves.

"The 'Let's Roll!' nose art is a symbolic representation of our nation," she said. "It symbolizes the fact that nothing will stop the United States of America."

The nose art design, depicting an eagle soaring in front of the U. S. flag, with the words "Spirit of 9-11" on the top and "Let's Roll!" on the bottom, was created by Senior Airman Duane White, from Air Combat Command's multimedia center at Langley AFB, Va.

All major commands and wings were authorized to place the nose art on one aircraft of their choice. The Thunderbirds and other Air Force demonstration teams have applied the nose art on all their aircraft.

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Capt. Eric Trismen, 3rd Space Launch Squadron crew commander, said it's hasn't been easy prepping for this big launch. The team has participated in three one- and two-day crew exercises that involve the support contractor personnel and Air Force members working side by side simulating launch day procedures. "We go over different anomaly situations that the crew may have to respond to on actual day of launch," Capt. Trismen said.

"It's been a total team effort

preparing for this launch with team members that include the 3rd Space Launch Squadron, Lockheed Martin personnel, Sverdrup, Space Gateway Systems, 45th Range Squadron, as well as members from the Space and Missile Center, all working together as a team," said Lt. Col. Cotton.

"The team has overcome huge hurdles," he said. "With a booster that was originally scheduled for a National Reconnaissance Office payload last year, the decision was made to swap payloads due to spacecraft issues.

"The Titan team demonstrated

its flexibility to reconfigure that booster for a Milstar launch and they never missed a beat."

The Air Force members go over monthly academic tests along with simulations. "We train to be as proficient as possible," Capt. Trismen said.

The crew, led by Lt. Col. Cotton, Lt. Col. Keith Hinson, deputy launch director and Capt. Trismen. Capt. Assad Samad is the deputy launch crew commander; Capt. Jermaine Brinson, upperstage operations controller; Capt. Yira Muse, booster operations controller; 2nd Lt. Nathan Vandrey, spacecraft operations

controller and Tech. Sgt. Donald Zinkiewicz, facilities operation controller.

Lt. Col. Cotton said there's big things on the horizon for the 3rd SLS team, as they eye the record books.

"The Titan team stands ready to begin work processing the second of three Titan IVs scheduled to launch this calendar year," he said.

Three Titans have never been launched from the same pad within 12 months, according to Lt. Col. Cotton. "I know the outstanding Titan team stands ready," he said.

## Emergency data cards now on Web

By Maj. John Thomas  
AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — More than a week before its planned launch, the new Web-based emergency data card helped more than 1,000 airmen in Alaska mobilize for a real world deployment.

The program, which kicked off Monday, began early to help airmen deploy from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Air Force Personnel Center officials here said.

Within the first week, more than 20,000 other people completed the form upon logging onto the virtual military personnel flight on the personnel center's Web site.

Airmen can update their emergency contact information from any Web-connected computer rather than visiting their military personnel flights.

Called the Virtual Record of Emergency Data, or vRED, the form provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an airman suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies while on active duty.

The vRED replaces the Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, and will need to be kept updated individually. The vMPF will prompt airmen to update their emergency data upon login.

Also, local military personnel flights will notify airmen based on location when they must sign on and establish their initial electronic

form, said Maj. Jerry Couvillion, chief of the casualty services branch here.

The transition is expected to last until June; however, people at remote locations without Internet access can still use paper copies of the form.

"The biggest advantage is convenience for the customer," he said. "People won't have to stand in line at the MPF to make simple changes to their contact information."

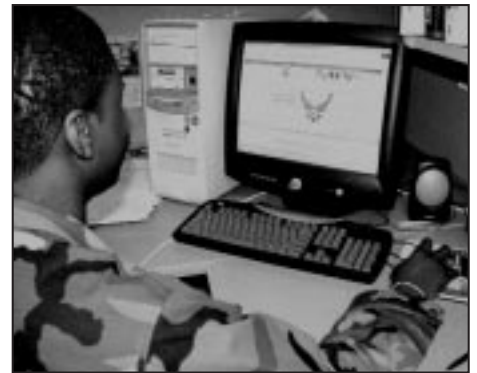
The innovation comes as the Air Force increases its number of deployed airmen, said Maj. Gen. Thomas O'Riordan, personnel center commander. "Updating emergency data is important," he said. "It is a crucial part of expeditionary preparation."

Accurate and current family contact information can prevent delays of medical, casualty and death benefits for airmen and family members, officials said. It also avoids hours or even days of uncertainty during which casualty teams are sometimes left to track down next of kin.

"That emergency information is essential for our casualty notification teams in case an airman becomes incapacitated or worse yet, killed," Maj. Couvillion said.

"Once the member initially completes the form, they will be able to go in at any time and update specific information as needed. It's simple and saves time."

Personnel officials encourage all active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen to update their information every six months, prior to deploy-



Airmen can update their emergency contact information on the new vRED form by logging onto [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil). (Photo by Sue Walden)

ments and after moving.

On the AFPC Web page at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil), people can select the "vMPF" logo at the top of the page. New vMPF users will need to establish an account.

The online application, which will take most people about 15 minutes, requires information on relatives and their addresses. Conveniences include drop-down menus that keep users from having to re-enter addresses common to more than one person, said Maj. Couvillion. "... They can (also) log off and log back in to the same place in the form where they left off."

For more information about the vMPF, call the Air Force Contact Center at (866) 229-7074.

# Wing dominates AFSPC safety awards

By Sue Walden  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Space Wing Safety Office swept this year's Air Force Space Command unit safety awards with its "in-your-face approach" to ground safety, winning first place in every category including the overall Ground Safety Office award for the fourth consecutive time.

"This is the wing's award because we couldn't have won this without the cooperation of everyone - all the way up to senior leadership," said Col. Wayne Thompson, chief of 45th Wing Safety. "Everyone has embraced this program and the results speak for themselves." There have been no ground safety fatalities since May 2001.

Hard-hitting safety campaigns punctuated with visits from nationally-renowned motivational speakers, events and senior leadership handing out special cards at the gates are the reasons the 45th Space Wing stands out in Air Force Space Command, according to Master Sgt. John Thomas, 45th Ground Safety superintendent. "We're known for our in-your-face approach," he said. "You can't argue with results. This approach works."

Col. Thompson said there are many things that make the wing's safety program top notch. Communication is paramount. "There are no walls between us and other offices," he said. "Our people are always helpful and accessible. They don't sit behind their desks; our airmen and civilians go out and talk to people, and people aren't afraid to see them. If there's a problem we don't say 'this isn't safe,' we say 'let's work together to make it safe.'" Educating the wing on



**Maj. Peter Sartori, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron operations officer, hands a "Return Safely" card to an airman exiting Patrick's Main Gate before the Labor Day holiday. This hard-hitting approach to safety, 45th Ground Safety officials say, is one of the reasons the wing swept the AFSPC safety awards. (Photo by Master Sgt. J.T. Thomas)**

safety has translated into good operational risk management, which are the four golden words of safety. They mean thinking and assessing the risk before engaging in an activity, whether it's plugging in a coffee pot or fueling a rocket.

Individual safety awards went to Master Sgt. Thomas and Tech. Sgt. Scott Rodesky of the 45th Ground Safety Office, Staff Sgt. Jonas Paterno, 45th Operation Support Squadron and Staff Sgt. Timothy Morris, 3rd Space Launch Squadron.

Master Sgt. Thomas, who has been in his job for the last three years, is called the backbone of Ground Safety though he attributes his award to his co-workers and those who work so hard in

the wing to keep safety foremost. He also won the award in 2000. "I was surprised to win, but not surprised that the wing won," he said.

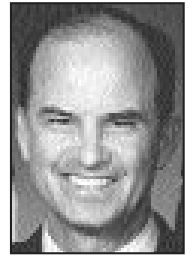
Tech. Sgt. Rodesky, who is a safety craftsman in Ground Safety, said he's humbled by the award but believes, like Master Sgt. Thomas, the award belongs to the safety team. Though he has a long list of attributes written in his award package, he believes the catalyst to garnering the accolades was being the safety investigator in the Aero Club's plane crash last February. "I had a lot of great support from our office and other agencies," said Master Sgt. Thomas, who is deployed.

Staff Sgts. Paterno and Morris aren't Ground Safety Office members, yet their work earned them awards. As the 45th OSS flight data coordinator, Staff Sgt. Paterno was instrumental in several emergencies, including an electrical fire, a C-130 fuel spill, a plane crash and other mishaps. Among other things, he was key in developing the wing's Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard program.

This isn't Staff Sgt. Morris' first safety award. This year he won command's first and fourth quarter safety awards. As the 3rd SLS safety element, he's been involved in key programs and events, including preparing the Titan Launch Complex and facilities for an explosive safety board, revamping safety training guides and other accomplishments.

Col. Thompson is proud of the awards but said the low mishap rates are the most important. "Keep being safe," he said.

## Former astronaut visits space coast



Maj. Gen. Kevin P. Chilton will speak at tonight's Brevard County Civilian Military Leader's banquet and Saturday night's 45th Space Wing's Award Banquet.

General Chilton is Director of Programs, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. **Maj. Gen. Chilton**

He also serves as Chairman of the Air Force Board and has oversight of all Air Force programs. Gen. Chilton has also flown three Shuttle missions.

General Chilton is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 1976. A Guggenheim Fellow, he completed a master of science degree in mechanical engineering at Columbia University.

He flew operational assignments in the RF-4C and F-15 and is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School. General Chilton conducted weapons testing in various models of the F-4 and F-15 prior to joining the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1987. At NASA he flew on three space shuttle missions and served as the Deputy Program Manager for Operations for the International Space Station Program. The general commanded the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, and served on the Air Force Space Command Staff and the Joint Staff prior to assuming his current position.

## W-2s available on myPay site

ARLINGTON, Va. — American military members and Department of Defense civilians can now view, save and print their W-2 wage and tax statements from myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Military retirees and annuitants can view, save and print their tax form 1099s as well.

The myPay service provides a secure way for service-members, Department of Defense civilians, military retirees and annuitants to manage their pay account information. Available around the clock, customers can make changes online that previously needed to be made by visiting offices.

Customers can also help the DoD save money by volunteering to turn off the print copy of their leave and earnings statements and checking it online. DoD can save up to 34 cents for each LES that is delivered electronically instead of in hard copy. (*Air Force Press News*)

## Attend National Prayer Breakfast

Tickets are still on sale for the National Prayer Breakfast Thursday at 7 a.m. in the Officers' Club.

Select from a cold or hot breakfast. Members pay \$7; nonmembers pay \$8.

Guest speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Richard Hartwell, Air Force Space Command chaplain. Get tickets through first sergeants.

The agenda includes the Indialantic Chamber Singers singing the national anthem and special songs, a commemoration and special prayer for Martin Luther King, Jr., a Jewish meditation, Christian reading, prayer for the nation, and more.

# Troop call. ACC commander visits Patrick, says people are most important

By Tech. Sgt. Bill Lindner  
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Gen. Hal Hornburg, commander of Air Combat Command, visited the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base Jan. 22.

One of the highlights of his trip was a troop call at the base theater for military and civilian personnel from AFTAC, The 920th Rescue Group and other ACC units on the base. He spent much of his time on stage discussing the new ACC initiative to concentrate on six "focus areas."

"When I took command of ACC in 2001, I decided we needed to determine the most important things we do as a command," said Gen. Hornburg. "We came up with six strategic thrusts, or focus areas, that identify the things that are important to us."

The focus areas - People, Air



Gen. Hornburg

“We have to take care of the ones doing the mission by mentoring, coaching and leading.”

- Gen. Hal Hornburg  
COMMANDER, AIR COMBAT COMMAND

Expeditionary Force, Transformation, Command and Control, Information Operations and Infrastructure - are being promoted throughout ACC on a series of posters and brochures.

He made it clear it is no accident "people" is listed as the first focus area.

"First, foremost and forever are our people," said Gen. Hornburg. "We have a saying at ACC, 'People first, mission always.' We have to take care of the ones doing the mis-

sion by mentoring, coaching and leading."

Gen. Hornburg said he has often been asked why so many senior airman were promoted to staff sergeant over the past several years. He said this had to be done because so many experienced noncommissioned officers were separating from the Air Force. He did, however, have a solution to this problem.

"My response to this is to work hard to retain more experienced personnel and to do this by face to

face, person-to-person contact," said Gen. Hornburg. "You have to let people know they are important to you and to the organization."

Along with people, he also discussed transformation and infrastructure. "Transformation is about change at the molecular level," he said. "It is not just about purchasing new aircraft but is about changing the way we operate and fight." He pointed out that ACC is spending four times more than any other major command on improving dorms, communications and utilities.

Gen. Hornburg concluded the troop call with remarks that reinforced his emphasis on people as the most important focus area.

"The Air Force can't be successful without the efforts of everyone here," said Gen. Hornburg. "You are all important to ACC, the Air Force and our nation."

## Combat-zone servicemembers get tax break

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Military members serving in designated combat zones supporting the global war against terrorism can get a tax break from Uncle Sam.

Depending upon rank, eligible servicemembers can exclude from federal income tax either all or some of their active-duty pay — and certain other pay — earned in any month during service in a designated combat zone.

According to the Internal Revenue Service's Armed Forces' Tax Guide for 2002, "a combat zone is any area the president of the United States designates by executive order as an area in which the U.S. Armed Forces are engaging or have engaged in combat."

Current combat zones are Afghanistan, specified parts of the Kosovo area and the Persian Gulf region. The tax guide defines the qualifying areas.

Servicemembers in several other areas specified in law as "qualified hazardous-duty areas" are eligible for the same tax breaks.

Bosnia-Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Croatia have been listed since November 1995.

Some people providing direct support for military operations within a designated combat zone or qualified hazardous-duty area may also



be eligible for income tax exclusions.

New areas for 2002 include Djibouti, Africa, after July 1, 2002; and the Philippines after Jan. 9, 2002, providing people's orders specify their duty is "in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom - Philippines."

Servicemembers who serve one or more days in a designated combat zone are entitled to federal tax exclusion benefits for that entire month, according to the IRS.

The downloadable Armed Forces' Tax Guide for 2002 can be accessed on the Web at [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf). It lists many, but not all, designated combat zones.

While people can use the tax guide in preparing their 2002 federal tax returns, those who have specific questions about designated combat zones should contact their unit personnel, pay officials or unit tax assistance officer.

The IRS guide notes servicemembers normally do not need to claim the combat zone exclusion or subtract eligible earnings on their federal tax returns.

The services normally have already excluded combat zone earnings from the taxable gross income reported on servicemembers' Form W-2s, the guide says.

The IRS points out that military retirement pay and pensions are not eligible as combat zone income tax exclusions.

### Combat zone areas

- ✓ Afghanistan
- ✓ Bosnia-Herzegovina
- ✓ Croatia
- ✓ Macedonia
- ✓ Parts of Kosovo
- ✓ Persian Gulf region
- ✓ Djibouti, Africa, after July 1, 2002
- ✓ Philippines, after Jan. 9, 2002

The Armed Forces' Tax Guide for 2002 defines the qualifying areas.

Get the guide at:  
[www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf). Contact unit tax assistant for more information.

## Sharpening skills for shark attack

# Team readies for Guardian Challenge

By Lt. Col. Austin Jameson  
45 SW GUARDIAN CHALLENGE PROJECT OFFICER

Energy and excitement surround preparations for the 2003 Guardian Challenge Competition, the premier annual competition within Air Force Space Command.

While the competition culminates in May with a weeklong event in Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., the 45th Space Wing's determination for victory has our GC team already engaged. The competition has been an Air Force Space Command tradition for 36 years as wing competitors strive for recognition as the best in their fields.

The 45th SW will send teams to compete in the areas of Operations, Maintenance and Security Forces. The Space Sharks are resolute in their goal to win the coveted Schriever trophy, which signifies premier excellence in spacelift.

A string of events precede GC Competition week in May. In November, a contest was held to design a logo, which captures the attitude of confident enthusiasm pervading this year's preparation and training.

While numerous entries were submitted, wing leadership selected an aggressive, powerful design by Capt. Tony Learned, 3rd Space Launch Squadron.

Elements within the logo include the depiction of a menacing black shark, a 45 SW shield rocketing skyward, the term "Lucky 7" referring to the team's intent to win the Schriever trophy for the seventh time in ten competitions, and the rallying cry of "Blood in the Water" to set the tone for the spacelift battle. The logo also incorpo-

rates the phrase "Outstanding is just the START!," which is the motivational acronym coined by Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th SW commander.

The wing's focus on excellence is embodied in the Guardian Challenge team selections. In

December, the Operations Group held a local competition and selected team members to represent the wing. Congratulations to The Range Operations team - Capt. Jim LaPierre, Capt. Steve White, and Senior Airman Tarah Norris; The Launch Operations team - Capt. Jimmy Liddle and Capt. Assad Samad; and Maintenance team - Tech. Sgt. David McAlpin, Tech. Sgt. Richard Allen, and Staff Sgt. Will McCormick.

Everyone looks forward to the Security Forces team selection and announcement planned for early April. The diverse, strong team representing the 45 SW is undergoing rigorous training and will be poised for victory.

The goal is not only to win the Schriever trophy, but to have a clean sweep by winning each category of the competition. To achieve this goal, the team needs sustained excitement and energy surrounding this year's Guardian Challenge

competition.

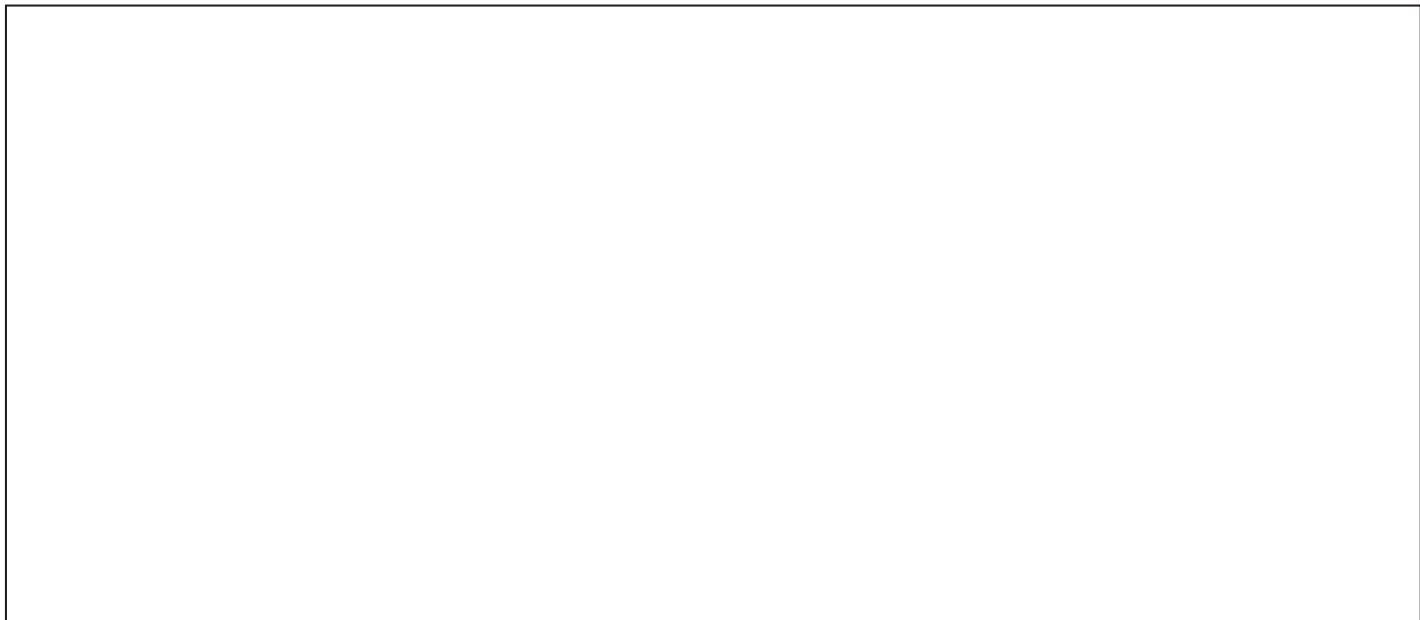
Upcoming events intended to spur excitement for the competition include a kick-off party, and send-off and welcome home parties. An April golf tournament and smaller group functions will be the core fund-raising events.

The wing's energy and anticipation of achieving the championship trophy is shared by the civilian community as well. Civilian/Military Community Relations Council friends have offered strong encouragement, support and resources for the Guardian Challenge efforts. Civilian representatives will also accompany the GC team to the Vandenberg event.

Offer energy and support to the Wing's GC team by attending the GC events, wearing GC apparel with a uniform (when approved by the wing commander), and extending encouragement to our team members. Like any championship team, they rely heavily on the "twelfth man" or the fans - the members of the 45th SW and community - to carry the team to victory. Team members will soon sport the GC logo and special attire.

Read the *Missileer* for more information about the team's accomplishments and mark calendars for upcoming events.

The sharks are circling and there's blood in the water and the 45th SW team is poised to bring home the Schriever.





# Theft on Patrick beaches rising

By Verla Davis  
45SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Auto burglaries on Patrick beaches have been on the upswing recently.

Beachgoers have been stripped of cash, credit cards, jewelry and several other valuables. Some incidents go unreported, but at least 27 were reported during 2002, three so far in 2003. A theft happened every 13.51 days according to statistics – with the majority occurring during April, May and June.

“It usually happens during the summer months; more specifically when school is out of session, there is an increase,” said Tech. Sgt. Carlos Torres, 45th Security Forces noncommissioned officer in-charge of criminal investigations.

The 45th SFS have launched an aggressive campaign to prevent incidents on the beaches.

Patrols and surveillances increased during peak days and times when incidents were reported. Security Forces brought awareness to the public by distributing pamphlets as well as face-to-face contact, making this a vital approach to this campaign.

“It is imperative that we work together,” said

Col. Steve Werner, 45th Mission Support Group commander. “Using the eyes and ears of concerned citizens, in cooperation with our Security Forces, we can reduce or prevent future incidents on Patrick beaches.”

Along with keeping the public informed, SF is keeping the lines of communication open with local law enforcement agencies by sharing information.

According to Lt. Col. David Woods, commander of 45th SFS, on Jan. 5, Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Cocoa Beach Police Department and SF worked a joint operation ending in the arrest of two individuals following a theft at the Officers' Club Beach parking area. “This was made possible because of the alertness of the intended victims and responsiveness of our local law enforcement team,” he said. “It proves two points. First, awareness makes a difference. Second, our police forces will work jointly to arrest criminals.”

Currently there is no model vehicle in particular being targeted. If left unprotected, all vehicles are susceptible to a break-in. Popped locks on doors or trunks is the most common method used by burglars to gain entry into vehicles.

Below are some helpful tips to keep from

becoming a victim of auto burglaries:

**Do not:**

- ✓ take valuables to the beach; if you do, don't leave them in plain view;
- ✓ hide your key on vehicle, i.e., wheel well, gas tank or bumpers;
- ✓ disturb crime scene by touching vehicle or any area that might have been tampered (fingerprints).

**Be sure to:**

- ✓ secure vehicle, i.e., roll up windows and lock doors;
- ✓ check parking lot and surroundings for suspicious or out-of-place people;
- ✓ contact any suspicious activity to SF immediately;
- ✓ contact SF immediately if you have been victimized;
- ✓ call creditors and bank to cancel credit cards and checks immediately if you've been a victim;
- ✓ contact SF immediately at 494-2000 if you see a crime in progress, suspicious people or packages on Patrick beaches.



## Power break

Tech. Sgt. Greg Bordeaux, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, who is deployed as part of the 376th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, conducts an operational inspection of a power generator in Ganci Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. He is making sure the power generator remains operational 24 hours a day, which is a must not only for energy, but to keep the deployed service-members warm in the below-10-degree-Fahrenheit temperatures and snow. (Photo by Master Sgt. Joe Bela)

## BULLETINS

### Triage has new hours

The 45th Medical Group's nurse triage has changed hours. Beginning Saturday, it is available during duty hours from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. for all beneficiaries and 7-7:30 a.m. for active-duty only. Week-end hours are no longer available.

Call 494-8241 7:30a.m. - 8 p.m. for all beneficiaries. During clinic hours, 7 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. press 5. After hours, 4:15-8 p.m. press 1.

### Scholarships available

The Patrick Spouses' Club is accepting applications for their annual scholarship program. Scholarships are open to all military high school seniors. Applications are at all Brevard County high schools and will be accepted until March 15. Call Terri Ten Haken at 779-4255.

### Committee needs volunteers

The Military Equal Opportunity Office seeks a chairperson and committee members for the African-American Heritage Committee. Call Capt. Marlon Johnson at 494-6333/4.

### ORM course scheduled

The next Operational Risk Management Course is Wednesday and Thursday, noon - 4 p.m. at the Patrick Education Center. It will be broadcast to 50 bases worldwide through a videolink. Hands-on practice will be conducted during the course. It's open to all personnel and highly recommended for supervisors.

Call Chris Olesnevich at 494-3266 or e-mail [chris.olesnevich@patrick.af.mil](mailto:chris.olesnevich@patrick.af.mil) to reserve a seat.

Seating is limited to 25 people.

### Enjoy jazzy evening

The newly reorganized Patrick Spouses' Club celebrates Valentine's Day on Feb. 11, 6 p.m. at the Officers' Club with an evening of jazz featuring the Mark McKee Quartet of Orlando. The event includes a buffet. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Club members pay \$15.95; nonmembers pay \$16.95. For reservations, call Maytee Hall at 456-5785 by Wednesday.

The Patrick Spouses' Club is now open to all spouses regardless of rank. To be a member, call Shari Bible at 783-0899.

### Take a class

To sign up for the following Family Support Center classes, call 494-5676. Employment Orientation, Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - noon; Pre-deployment Briefing, Feb. 7 7:30-11:30 a.m.; Credit Reports, Feb. 7 noon - 1 p.m.; Can't Cook, Won't Cook "Healthy Eating", Feb. 7 noon - 1:30 p.m.

### Pre-retirement seminar set

A pre-retirement seminar, Feb. 12-13, is designed to provide civilian employees who are within five years of retirement eligibility information on retirement benefits, investment planning and social security. Seating is limited to 40. Call 494-8398 to register.

### Supervisors take course

The Civilian Personnel Flight offers the Air Force Civilian Personnel management Course from

March 10-14. Supervisors of three or more civilian employees must attend within six months of their supervisory assignment. Others may attend as a refresher on a space available basis. To register, call 494-8398.

### Tops in Blue performs free

The Air Force Tops in Blue entertains free Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Cocoa Village Amphitheater in downtown Cocoa.

### Terminal leave changes

Members are no longer restricted to the 90-day terminal leave/PTDY/ processing time limitation in conjunction with retirement/separation. Members can now take such terminal leave/PTDY (20 days I CONUS or 30 days in OCONUS as authorized by the commander) and processing days without limit. These changes will be incorporated in a revised edition of AFI 36-3003, which is currently in coordination. Until the previous edition is updated, unit commanders may use this e-mail as authority to grant terminal leave/PTDY/processing time in excess of 90 days. Call Staff Sgt. Bernard Richmond at 494-4249 for more information.

### Spanish linguist needed

Ten Spanish-speaking linguists, E-6 and below, are needed to report March 24 - June 27. Airmen must possess a current Defense Language Proficiency Test score of at least a 2 plus in reading. For details, call Staff Sgt. Bernard Richmond at 494-4249.

# CGOA

## Turning quality of life up a notch or two



CGOA members prepare to assemble two tents for their annual Christmas tree sales last November. The \$4,000-profit went to the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in January and other CGOA activities. (Photo by 1st Lt. Albert Meza)

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

What happens when a fraternity and sorority are combined? You get a "fratority," which translates into the Space Coast Company Grade Officers' Association.

The CGOA is made up of about 200 officers, from lieutenant to captain, and covers the entire 45th Space Wing, its tenant organizations and performs four primary roles that help the wing achieve its mission.



Capt. Jason Mello, left, blocks 1st Lt. Matt Epperson's shot during a crud game at the Blockhouse, where CGOA members meet every Friday after work for esprit de corps. (Photo by 1st Lt. Eric Badger)

"We provide base support, community service, officer professional development and camaraderie," said Capt. Jason Mello, 45th SW CGOA president. "We are constantly on call and ready to serve the wing and the surrounding community."

Among their many duties, the CGOA participates in mentoring events for ROTC cadets, gate guard duty, air show events, beach clean-ups, local soup kitchens, Habitat for Humanity and Special Olympics just to name a few.

The organization's fund-raisers, such as the annual Christmas tree sales, allow them to provide money to various organizations and events such as the Patrick Pantry, an organization designed to provide military families with meals throughout the holidays, and the Special Olympics.

For the past two years, the Space Coast CGOA has won the Eastern Region Company Grade Officer Council of the Year. This award recognizes them as the best CGOA in a 26-base region.

"As a member of the CGOA, I have been able to do and see things that most second lieutenants don't experience until much later in their careers," said 2nd Lt. Sean Musil, CGOA co-vice president.

"I plan to continue my involvement in the CGOA wherever my career takes me."

The organization is complete with

its own president, two vice presidents (one stationed at Patrick and one at the Cape) 2nd Lt. Musil and Capt. Yira Muse; treasurer, 2nd Lt. Kim Olmsted and executive officer, Capt. David Del Prado.

Underneath these positions, there are chairpersons or points of contact for social events, professional development, community service and base trips.

"Since we all have full-time jobs, these points of contact help to make life easier while getting the job done right the first time," said Capt. Mello. "It also gives the widest amount of company grade officers an opportunity to enhance their leadership and supervisory skills."

The Company Grade Officers' Association meets on the first Friday of every month at 4 p.m. in the Officers' Club. Every fourth month, meetings are held at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

"This is a great organization, spearheaded by great people," said Capt. Mello. "We are always looking for new faces at our meetings. Every officer, from lieutenant to captain, at the 45th SW is automatically a member and welcome at any time."

"Not only are we here to serve the commander, but we are here to serve our fellow CGOs. Let us know what we can do to make your time at the 45th Space Wing better for you."

For more information on the CGOA, send an e-mail to [cgoc@patrick.af.mil](mailto:cgoc@patrick.af.mil), link to the CGOC Web page through <https://cbtserver> or call Capt. Mello at 494-5101.

Tech. Sgt. Ernie Martinez is one of six civilians in the 45th Maintenance Group's Range Management Squadron, who doubles as a reservist and has been deployed in the war on terror recently. (Photo by Master Sgt. Eric Hernandez)



## 45th MXG civilians earn stripes as reservists fighting war on terrorism

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

Six members of the 45th Maintenance Group's Range Management Squadron fight the war on terror in civilian suits and ties, as well as in battle dress uniforms.

These civilians from the squadron's Quality Assurance Division double as reservists and were recently mobilized and deployed to Southwest Asia in support of the nation's war on terror in their roles with Patrick's 920th Rescue Group.

Mr. Ernie Martinez, a quality assurance specialist for the 45th Range Management Squadron, also known as Tech. Sgt. Ernie Martinez in the 920th Maintenance Squadron, was deployed to Southwest Asia for more than 70 days.

After being called to active duty Feb. 13, 2002, he volunteered for deployment and was sent to the desert July 2002. He returned to his civilian job at Patrick on Jan. 14 of this year.

Other citizen airmen called to active duty from the 45th Maintenance Group include: Timothy Bianchi, Richard Eads, Donald Keller, Juan Maldonado, and Stuart McKenzie.

Col. Byron Presley, 45th Maintenance Group commander, applauds the hard work and dedication of his group's reservists as well as all other reservists serving in the various units throughout the 45th Space Wing.

"We owe them a great amount of thanks for being ready to serve their country," he said. "We are surely grateful to have them and we miss them when they are away. However, as uniformed reservists and key members of the Total Force package, it is highly important to have them available to deploy and participate in the ongoing war on terror."

Tech. Sgt. Martinez works as a C-130

aircraft inspector for the 920th Maintenance Squadron. According to the 30-year airman, work in the desert was intense due to 12-hour work shifts and 120-degree weather.

However, the people met along the way are the most fulfilling portion of any deployment, according to Tech. Sgt. Martinez.

"I worked with great people in the desert," he said. "I can safely say that the people I met and worked with made the trip worthwhile."

Thanks to the technological advancements of electronic mail and the telephone, Tech. Sgt. Martinez was able to keep in constant contact with his wife and son, Staff Sgt. Ernie Martinez, Jr., who is a pharmacy technician at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

"I was able to have a phone conversation with my son at least twice a week," said Tech. Sgt. Martinez. "Once we got e-mail and phone privileges and we were able to contact our friends and family, it made being away much easier."

This deployment marked the first time Tech. Sgt. Martinez and his wife, Edith, had been apart for that length of time. However, Edith, was well taken care of, according to Tech. Sgt. Martinez.

"It was tough on her," he said. "But, she was able to get through it due to help from our friends, immediate family and my workplace family here at the Quality Assurance Division. My co-workers made frequent phone calls to her to make sure she was doing okay."

Despite the sacrifices he has endured over his 30 years in the U.S. Air Force, when Tech. Sgt. Martinez looks back on his career, he smiles and swells with pride.

"I enjoy serving my country," said Tech. Sgt. Martinez. "I would be glad to do it all over again."

# Library highlights African-American writers

In celebration of African - American Heritage Month in February, fiction and non-fiction works by and about African-Americans are featured in the Patrick Base Library.

Pick up a book list and view the library's African-American military heritage display in the library foyer, as well.

The library features many African-American writers, such as a local author who made the base community a part of her heritage. Author Zora Neale Hurston was

raised in Eatonville, Fla., the first all African-American incorporated town in the United States (incorporated in 1883). She was employed at the Pan-American Technical Library at Patrick Air Force Base.

Another famous African-American author, Toni Morrison, is the first African-American woman to receive the Nobel Prize for literature in 1993.

Some of the latest additions to the library's new fiction titles by African-American authors are "It's a Thin Line" by Kimberla Lawson

Roby, "A Family Affair" by Shirley Hailstock, "Crossing the Line" by Laura Castoro, "Love Frustration" by RM Johnson, "Cubicles" by Camika Spencer and "Living on the Edge of Respectability" by Suzette Harrison.

Inventors such as Alexander Miles (who patented the elevator and its safety device on Oct. 11, 1887); Alice Parker (heating furnace, 1918); Henry Sampson (cellular phone, July 6, 1971); Marie V. Brittan Brown (patented security system, Dec. 2, 1969) and

Manley West (discovered compound in cannabis to cure glaucoma, 1980 through 1987) have made an impact throughout the world. Some of these and other devices and discoveries are used daily.

Read more throughout February about contributions African-Americans have made as many celebrate Black History Month.

Call the library at 494-6881 for information on these resources or stop by the library for a list of resources.

## Send Valentine balloons

Send someone a Valentine's Day balloon. Outdoor Recreation is delivering balloons to Patrick offices and housing residents of deployed/TDY spouses.

The balloons are \$3 each (minimum order of two for delivery). Make your order by calling Terry Hamric at 494-9692 or Sue Kerr at 494-9625 until Feb. 12.

Phone in any order through Feb. 14 for pickup.

## Experience horseback riding

Join Outdoor Recreation on a horseback riding adventure Feb. 15 to Ace of Hearts Ranch. Enjoy a morning trail ride and picnic lunch at a cost of \$35 for adults and \$20 for children.

Participants leave Outdoor Recreation on a bus at 9 a.m. and return approximately at 2 p.m. Space is limited.

Call 494-9692 or 494-9625 for reservations.

## Take a historic Cape trip

Outdoor Recreation offers a bus tour for Patrick and Cape personnel along with their friends and family once a month. The next tour is Feb. 22.

This tour goes throughout Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, where the space program celebrated its early beginnings.

See sights such as the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse, early launch pads and more.

Adults pay \$10; children are charged \$5.

The tour leaves at 8 a.m. and returns to Patrick at approximately 12:30 p.m. To register, call 494-2042.

## Membership has its advantages

Present your club card at the following Services facilities and receive these discounts

throughout February.

▶ \$10 off a four-wheel balance at the Skills Development Center Auto Hobby Shop

▶ \$10 off any apparel purchase of \$50 or more at Information, Tickets and Travel

▶ \$35 off a two-day stay at a beach house rental from Outdoor Recreation

▶ \$3 off microchipping at Veterinary Services

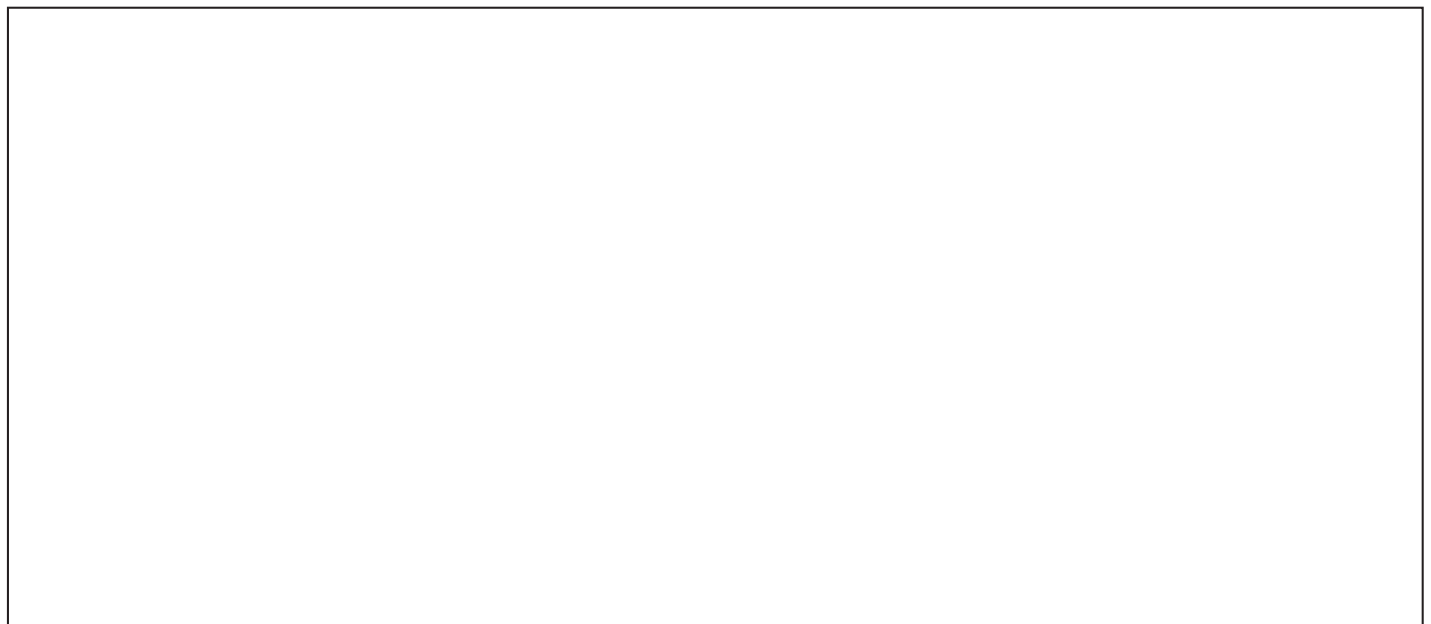
▶ \$10 off a purchase of \$100 or more in the Rocket Lanes Bowling Center Pro Shop

▶ \$1 off any meal at the Manatee Cove Golf Course (Wednesdays only)

▶ \$10 off an orientation flight at the Aero Club

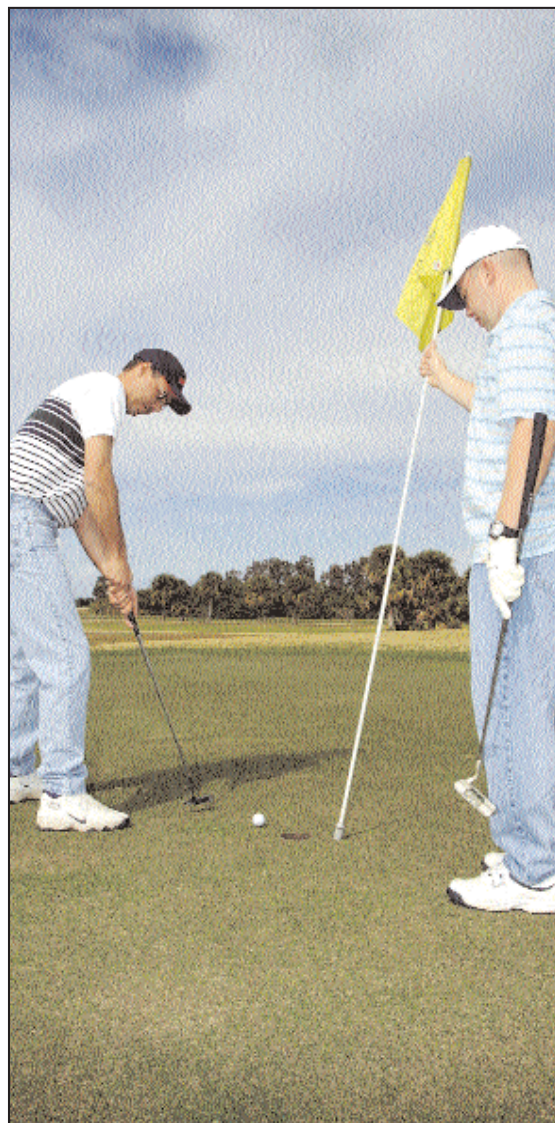
▶ 10 percent off merchandise at the Manatee Cove Marina store

▶ Initiation fee waiver at the Manatee Cove Marina





Mike Frye, AFTAC, keeps score while Kevin Alig, AFTAC, hits his second shot of the day. (Photos by Jim Laviska)



John Henderson, 45th Mission Support Squadron, taps in a "gimme" as Mike Armbruster, also from 45th MSS, holds the flag.

# Golf season winds down

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Five teams have an intramural golf playoff spot sewn up, but there are four teams right on the lip of the eight-team playoff field.

"All the teams with around 50 points can drop out of the playoff hunt with a bad round," said Fred Mills, intramural golf director.

Having a playoff spot nearly locked up right now is the 45th Contracting Squadron, 1st Space Launch Squadron, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron #1, Operational Test Support Unit #2 and 45th Medical Group.

Teams are vying for the last spot are the foursomes from Air Force Technical Application Center, 45th Mission Support Squadron and 45th Range Squadron, with a half point separating 45th Services Squadron and CE's #2 team.

The season is scheduled to wrap up Wednesday and the playoffs will begin Feb. 19th.

## Golf Standings

45th Contracting Sq	98.5
1st Space Launch Sq	87.5
45th Civil Engineer Sq #1	72.5
Operational Test Spt. Unit #2	62.5
45th Med Group	59.5
Air Force Techn. App. Ctr	55
45th Mission Support Sq.	53.5
45th Range Sq.	54.5
45th Services Sq.	53
45th Civil Engineer Sq #2	42.5
Operational Test Spt. Unit #1	34
3rd Space Launch Squadron	32
2nd Brigade	dropped
Navy	dropped
45th Communications Sq.	dropped
45th Wing Staff	dropped



### Love in the gym

The Fitness Center staff is ready to hand out T-shirts to all couples who work out together on Valentine's Day. The motto for the day is, "Turn your sweetheart into a healthy heart."

The center offers a 5-kilometer run or a 1.5

kilometer walk, a cardio workout, an aerobic class or weight training that day. Call 494-6697 to register.

### Walk for fun

The Patrick Pacers Volkssport (walking) Club sponsors a 5K/10K non-competitive, go-at-your-own-pace, walk Saturday at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary in Titusville. Start anytime between 9:30-11:30 a.m. Members pay \$2; nonmembers pay \$3. Children under 12 walk free. For details, call

Ron Barnett at 452-9448.

### De-stress with yoga

Reduce stress by taking yoga classes Thursdays from noon - 1 p.m. and 4:45-6:45 p.m. at the Base Library conference room.

Classes begin with centering and meditation, continue with warm-ups and breathing exercises postures and end with a deep relaxation.

Cost is \$5 per class or six classes for \$25. To register, call Barbara O'Connor at 504-4512.

# Disney Shades of Green now taking reservations

Orlando resort for the military and their families reopens Dec. 15, 2003 with double the rooms

Reservation lines are open for the Dec. 15, 2003 reopening of a new, improved Armed Forces Recreation Center Shades of Green hotel on Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando.

Shades of Green has been closed for expansion and complete renovation since early 2002.

Meanwhile, guests eligible to stay there have been booked into Disney's Contemporary Resort at Shades of Green's daily rates. The rates are based on rank from a low of \$66 for E-1s through E-5s to \$99 for senior officers. The range starting Dec. 15 will be \$70 to \$116.

"We've already booked our first military wedding on Dec. 29 for 250 people," said Jim McCrindle, the hotel's general manager since it opened in 1994.

When Shades of Green reopens, he said, it will have double the guest space at 586 rooms, a new 500-space parking garage and 7,500 square feet of flexible special-event space for reunions, weddings and other family-oriented social functions. There will be 11 suites, up from just one.

He said more rooms will conform to the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"We had handicapped-accessible rooms before, but now we will have bona fide ADA-designed and -equipped rooms with wider bathroom doors and roll-in showers," he said. Nine of the existing rooms

were completely renovated to ADA standards.

The near two-year project includes complete makeovers of all existing rooms to the same standards as the new ones — new carpet, paint, curtains, mattresses and bedspreads.

"All the rooms are exactly the same size and everything is brand new," Mr. McCrindle said. In essence, he said, guests who want a new room don't have to ask — every room will be new.

All rooms will have standard amenities, such as ironing boards and televisions, but there will be some new twists — refrigerators, wireless TV keyboards and 12 hours of Internet access for about \$6.

Guests will be able to play TV video games, watch in-room movies and order attraction tickets online from the hotel's tickets and tours office.

The hotel restaurants are being remodeled. The four include a new Northern Italian-themed trattoria. Shades of Green has two heated swimming pools, a kiddie pool, play area and tennis courts.

It's situated among three Walt Disney World Resort golf courses: two 18-hole championship courses and a nine-hole executive course with discounted greens fees for military players. Free shuttle bus service transports guests to and from Disney attractions.

For more details or to make reservations, visit [www.shadesofgreen.org](http://www.shadesofgreen.org) or [www.armymwr.com/shades/index.html](http://www.armymwr.com/shades/index.html). Call toll-free 1-888-593-2242.

"The best way to make a reservation is to use the Web site," McCrindle suggested.

"That way, you're guaranteed a response within 72 hours. Give alternate dates to your first choice." The phone lines tend to overload, he added.



## Civilians devote years of service

The following Department of Defense civilians have reached significant career milestones.

### January

#### 30 years

Rickie Day, 45th Range Squadron  
Dianne Parrish, Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation

John Wolfe, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron

#### 20 years

Donna Armstrong, DoD Manned Space Flight Support Officed

Barry Chefer, 45th Space Wing  
Shelley Hall, 45th Contracting Squadron

#### 10 years

Matthew Martines, 45th CES  
Kenneth Moss, 920th Maintenance Squadron

### February

#### 30 years

Linda Andler, 920th Rescue Group  
Fred Bailey, 45th SW  
Mark Cleary, 45th SW  
Doreen Merkel, 3rd Space Launch Squadron

#### 20 years

Celso Barbonell, 45th Contracting Squadron  
Donn Harding, 45th Contracting Squadron  
Donna Kinker, 45th Medical Support Squadron  
Vivian Negron, 920th RQG Life Support

#### 10 years

Randall Hubbard, 45th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron  
Earl Johnson, 45th CES

## Action Line: 494-6550

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

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

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

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



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

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

**45th Civil Engineer Squadron**  
Lt. Col. Chris Hazen  
494-4041

**Base Housing**  
Caroline Jamba  
494-2593

**45th Services Squadron**  
Lt. Col. John Sproul  
494-8081

**Military Personnel**  
Capt. Richard Rivera  
494-7831

**Commissary officer**  
Donald Pruitt  
494-4060

**AAFES**  
Mike Lovejoy  
494-6455

**Civilian Personnel**  
Robert Daniel  
494-5238

**Military Equal Opportunity**  
Capt. Marlon Johnson  
494-6334

**45th Security Forces Squadron**  
Lt. Col. David Woods  
494-6202

**Financial Services**  
1st Lt. Raymond Kipp Bradley  
494-7171

**45th Medical Group**  
Col. Charles Mackett III  
494-8100

**Ground Safety**  
Paul Compton 494-2202

**Inspector General**  
Lt. Col. Ralph Gracia  
494-2287

**Q:** I am writing to compliment you on your outstanding organization. I retired last June from the Coast Guard in Miami and moved up here to Melbourne.

I have had interactions with your legal staff doing my final household goods claim, your admin staff getting retired ID cards for my wife and myself and your Security Forces police coming on to the base. I can tell you, from a man or woman - every single person we have dealt with has been completely courteous and professional. You can be proud!

I would especially like to praise your medical staff. I was very surprised to receive the truly outstanding care that my wife and I have both received. I am embarrassed to admit it, but we receive significantly better care and treatment here as a retiree than I did as a very senior active duty O-6 in Miami. One person that has been truly outstanding is 1st Lt. Shawn Sima.

I just cannot describe how happy my wife and I are to have him as our provider. He is an absolutely outstanding medical professional. One example of his caring attitude is - my wife went to see him on a Friday feeling ill. First Lt. Sima treated her. Sunday afternoon he called to see if she was feeling better. We were at first concerned that we were being seen by a physician's assistant, but 1st Lt. Sima has completely dispelled any concerns we had.

Thank you personally for the outstanding services you provide to your retirees. I know that from the uniform exemplary treatment we receive across your base, this super attitude has to come from the "top down."

**A:** Thank you for your letter. It's great to get the good feedback along with the constructive inputs we receive. Team Patrick is committed to performing every aspect of our mission in an "outstanding" fashion, and we are gratified when our customers and associates notice. Of course, a team like ours is not content with status quo - "Outstanding is just the start!"

We have a marvelous team of professionals, each dedicated to finding better ways to do business. We are proud to be able to serve you so well and look forward to future opportunities to excel.





**Friday**  
*Drum Line* A street drummer from Harlem enrolls in a southern university expecting to lead its marching band's drum line to victory. He realizes it takes more than talent to reach the top. Stars Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldna. (PG-13 for innuendo and language)

**Saturday 2 p.m. matinee** *Shanghai Knights* 2 p.m. matinee  
 Chon and Roy head to

London to find the rebel who murdered Chon's father and shake up Victorian Britain. Chon's sister, also thirsty for vengeance, stumbles into a conspiracy to kill the royal family. Stars Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson. (PG-13 for violence)

**Saturday** *Shanghai Knights* (See above synopsis.) This is a free screening of the movie. Get tickets at AAFES locations or call Denise Taylor at 494-4646. Tickets don't guarantee seats.

**Sunday** *Star Trek: Nemesis* The Romulan Empire is thrown into

disarray when Shinzon, an exiled slave on the sister planet of Remus, murders the entire senate of Romulus. Now, the mad man wants to use the crew of the Enterprise in his scheme to incite a revolution. Stars Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes. (PG-13 for sci-fi action violence, peril and a scene of sexual content)

**Thursday** *Star Trek: Nemesis* (See above.)

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

**Riverside Dining 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** - Sukiyaki, teriyaki chicken, beef stir fry, sweet and sour pork

**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

Menu's are subject to change. For more information, call 494-2845. Items with an "\*" are healthy choice.



**Festivals**

**Saturday, 3-8 p.m.** Snow Fest at Fox Lake Park, Fox Lake Road, Titusville. In case last week's snow flurries weren't enough, this fest includes 10 tons of snow to play in, plus rock climbing, game, refreshments and crafts for sale

Call 264-5105 for more information or log onto [www.northarea@brevard-parks.com](http://www.northarea@brevard-parks.com).

**Feb. 8-9, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Palm Bay Art Fest at Knecht Park, 1380 Glenham Dr., Palm Bay. Admission is free, parking at Harris Corp. lot is free.

**Music**

**Feb. 8, 7-10 a.m.** Moonlight

Stroll Music Under the Stars at Erna Nixon Park, 1200 Evans Road, West Melbourne.

Enjoy live music under the pavilion and on the boardwalk. Skywatching with telescopes with the Brevard Astronomical Society and refreshments are also featured.

Fee is \$3; the event is free for children under 3 years old. Parking is at the Melbourne Square Mall with free shuttle bus service.

For more information, call 952-4525.

**Auditions**

**Saturday, 2-3 p.m.** The Brevard Theatrical Ensemble auditions for actresses for its Women's History Month celebration. Auditions will be at the

Ryan Chiropractic Clinic, 129 W. Hibiscus Ave., Melbourne.

**Sunday, 4 p.m.** The Brevard Theatrical Ensemble also needs actors and actresses for a Shakespeare program. See above for audition location.

**Museums**

Brevard Veterans Memorial Museum, 400 S. Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island, features artifacts from all wars the United States has fought. Admission is free. Open weekdays, 1-4 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 453-1776.

**Tours**

**Ongoing, Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Education and historical tours of groves at Bunkley Groves, 3131 N. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island. Cost is free. Call 452-3756.

**Ongoing, Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m.** Ranger-guided tours of the 113-acre Turkey Creek Sanctuary, 1502 Port Malabar Blvd., Palm Bay. Call 952-3433.



**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. 10 a.m.

Sunday School for Pre-kindergarten - 6th grade at the Education Center, 6 p.m. for t-12 grades at South Patrick Chapel.

11:30 a.m. Mass in the Seaside 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

10:30 a.m. Inspirational Service in the South Patrick Chapel

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



