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Space Shuttle Columbia crewmembers wave to onlookers before liftoff Jan. 16. The crew, made up of six Americans and one Israeli astronaut, performed 80 scientific experiments on their 16-day science mission. (NASA courtesy photo)

Wing pays respect to heroes

1st Lt. Eric Badger
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Space Wing paid tribute to the Space Shuttle Columbia crew when more than 1,000 wing members gathered in solemn remembrance during memorial services at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and Patrick Air Force Base Monday.

The Cape memorial service was held at 11 a.m. in Hangar F. Patrick personnel gathered at 4 p.m. in Memorial Plaza.

Both services included prayer time, hymns, responsive scripture reading, a message from chaplains and comments from Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th SW commander. The 4 p.m. service ended with retiring the colors and a 21-gun salute by the Patrick Honor Guard.

Brig. Gen. Pavlovich stated that the loss of

the seven crew members aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia was tragic, however, the 45th SW, NASA and the Space Coast community must push forward out of respect and honor for their memory.

"As we pay our respects, we need to keep a hold of the dream, because it didn't end Feb. 1," he said. "We have to find the strength to continue. The flame of excitement for what we do must not be extinguished."

According to Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Searle, the Columbia crew died while draped in honor that only a select few are able to achieve.

"The tragedy of death is leaving this earth not having made a difference," he said. "The seven we honor here today crossed the golden threshold having made a difference. Carpe diem was the order of their lives."

The lives of the seven crew members were

not lost in vain, and will be remembered long after today, according to Mr. Harry Brantley, retired Navy master chief petty officer, who attended the memorial service at Patrick.

"They all made the ultimate sacrifice," he said. "Hats off to the entire crew."

Kathryn Jones, of Lockheed Martin, went to the Cape memorial service. "The memorial was tasteful, appropriate and touching," she said. "It reminded me of how fleeting life is. They were very brave souls."

As the Space Coast and the nation continue to mourn the loss, Brig. Gen. Pavlovich adds that the efforts and dedication of the Space Shuttle Columbia crew will never be forgotten.

"The spirit of Columbia will undoubtedly live forever," he said. "God bless the crew, their families and the United States of America."

Outstanding is just the START!



Straight from the
COMMANDER'S
DESK 

By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich
 45TH SW COMMANDER

God Bless Columbia and her crew! This morning I'll join hundreds of 45th Space Wing people as we join our NASA partners in memorializing these seven heroes. The ceremony will end at 9:16 a.m., the time this magnificent crew was to touch down, back home on the Kennedy Space Center runway.

I'll spend today reflecting on their accomplishments and the sorrow their families must still feel. They made the ultimate sacrifice for the benefit of mankind and we will never forget them.

But at the same time, I will also spend time thinking about our Space Coast family that includes the NASA, Air Force and Florida Space Authority families. I'll think about the people who spend countless hours preparing the orbiters, configuring the Eastern Range, providing security and creating weather forecasts along with so much more. It's a total team effort and one that our nation draws a great deal of pride.

Columbia's tragedy is a sobering reminder of how cutting edge and unforgiving the space business can be. My respect for everyone involved directly in or supporting shuttle and unmanned launch operations increased even more this week, which I didn't believe possible. I know the how much sweat and countless hours of work everyone sacrifices for a successful shuttle launch and recovery.

I know this is a personal tragedy for everyone at NASA. It was also a tragedy for our Air Force family whether military, civilian or contractor. Two of the crewmembers were officers in our service. They, along with the rest of the crew, served NASA honorably and are heroes in every sense of the word!

At this morning's memorial service, I know that along with the crew, I'll also be thinking about Maj. Gen. Kevin Chilton. Maj. Gen. Chilton was going to be our guest speaker for the annual awards banquet Saturday night. He was standing with me at the KSC runway for

the anticipated landing. General Chilton is a former astronaut who flew on three space shuttle missions. He considered Col. Rick Husband, the Columbia commander, one of his very best friends. When the tragedy became clear, it was an extremely tragic moment for him and something I hope no one ever has to experience again.

I know many of you have your own feelings and love for the shuttle program. But our Space Coast community is different than much of the America public. Yes, like all Americans, we love the orbiters and their crews. But our community is special because we contribute daily to their success.

As we pay our respects and remember this valiant crew, I want you to know the dream didn't end Saturday. The United States and our commander-in-chief are committed to space, both the manned and unmanned programs. NASA and the U.S. Air Force are going to be the ones to make it happen.

I have every confidence NASA will find out what happened, fix it and send astronauts back to space again. It will be our country's finest hour and I know it will be a proud moment for NASA. And be rest assured, the Air Force family will be honored to stand next to them and cheer their success!

I want to thank the hundreds of people who turned out Monday for our memorial services at both the Cape and Patrick. It was fitting we took the time to reflect and honor these heroes. Thousands more will be at KSC this morning and I know the NASA family is thankful for it.

The last item I'd like to leave you with concerning Columbia is it's our duty and obligation to support the upcoming investigation into the cause of the accident to the best of our ability. I charge everyone here that if called upon, you do your best to provide information in an expedient manner. But if contacted, please ensure your first step is to inform your chain of command. There is a certain procedure for meeting information requests that must be followed in order for the investigation to be conducted properly.

I want us to help, but we need to help in the right way by making sure the right people, with the best knowledge and expertise, are answering these questions.

While it's hard to move on from this and think of other matters during this terrible time, it is something we must do. There is still an ongoing war on terror and with Secretary of State Colin Powell's United Nation's briefing

Wednesday, we need to be prepared for anything the president may need in the near future. While we continue to grieve, we are professionals, we have a job to do and we will do it! But leave no doubt, Columbia will live on with us.

To that end, I need everyone to focus 100 percent on the first ever-military EELV launch when the Boeing Delta IV carries a Defense Satellite Communications System satellite into space Monday.

The DSCS gives our very top-level defense officials the ability to exchange wartime information with battlefield commanders. The military also uses DSCS to transmit space operations and early warning data to various systems and war fighters.

This is an extremely important mission for the military and it is one we need to carry out. I know the entire Boeing Delta IV team is ready to go and I expect a spectacular launch. America needs access to space now more than ever and we are going to carry out that mission for our nation.

At the same time, the wing is hosting the annual CORONA south conference. I'd like to welcome the Honorable Dr. James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force and Gen. John P. Jumper, AF Chief of Staff, and the rest of our senior leadership to the Space Coast. With current world events, they have very important work to accomplish and I know the wing has worked hard to facilitate the conference.

I want to thank Col. Steve Werner, 45th Mission Support Group commander and his entire team for their preparation. I know the team is ready and I can't wait until our senior leaders see them in action. But as I remind, I need everyone to ensure their work areas are looking as best as possible. For next week, please realize we'll have numerous general officers and senior civilian officials on our installations and they deserve the proper customs and courtesies for leaders of this stature. I appreciate your attention to detail in this area.

Finally, as we prepare to close one of the worst weeks in our nation's history and certainly for the Space Coast, I ask you to stay safe. These dark days will pass and the excitement will return and we will continue to push the limits of mankind to make our world a better and safer place.

Be sure to hug your children, express your love to your spouse and try to have a good weekend. God bless the Columbia crew, the entire NASA family, our Air Force family and the United States of America!



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DDMS responds to Columbia tragedy

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The Department of Defense Manned Space Flight Support Office located here responded instantaneously when the Space Shuttle Columbia accident occurred upon re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere Feb. 1.

Two hours before Space Shuttle Columbia was due to land at 9:16 a.m., DDMS was on the job monitoring the flight.

Approximately 16 minutes before landing, DDMS personnel initiated their catastrophic incident checklists when NASA announced they had lost contact with Columbia.

The DDMS mission is to coordinate NASA requests for Department of Defense's unique capabilities in support of the nation's manned space flight program, if search and rescue is needed.

Within seconds, DDMS mobi-

lized its rapid response team and coordinated with the U.S. Coast Guard to dispatch C-130 Hercules aircraft to patrol the coast of Florida and the Gulf of Mexico for falling debris.

For the first few hours, thorough coordination took place between DDMS and numerous national agencies, including U.S. Strategic Command, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Military Command Center, the Director of Military Support and the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

Later, as search and rescue efforts took place in eastern Texas and western

Louisiana, DDMS dispatched personnel to Barksdale AFB, La., and Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Texas, to assist NASA and FEMA in their recovery efforts. DDMS also had aircraft and crew poised and on alert throughout the day in case additional support was needed.

DDMS is still on the job coordinating NASA requests for additional DOD resources and passing those requests to Barksdale AFB to the recovery team headquarters.

"On behalf of the entire DDMS team, I'd like to convey our sympathy to the crew's families," said Navy Cmdr. Michael D. Masla, DoD Support Operations Center director. "We are very proud of the loved ones they have lost and the courage these families have displayed during this terrible tragedy."

"Our sole purpose is to train for contingencies like the Columbia accident," said Col. David Dingley, DDMS commander. "But it's a job we hope we never have to do. When called upon, however, the entire team performed magnificently and I couldn't be prouder of their performance under very tough circumstances."

The office is a unique unit made up of only 36 people, yet are charged with an extraordinary responsibility - astronaut rescue and recovery, contingency landing site support, payload security and medical support.



20 selected for lieutenant colonel

The following individuals were selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel:

Edwin Bayba, SOUTHCOM
Thomas Bailey, SOUTHCOM
Michael Bauer, SOUTHCOM
Willie Berges, SOUTHCOM
Diane Bilbray, 333rd Recruiting Squadron
Carole Robbins, 45 Medical Operations Squadron
Joe Bonorden, SOUTHCOM
Thomas Danek Jr., SOUTHCOM
Thomas Freeman, 3rd Space Launch Squadron
Jeffrey Fason, 45th Maintenance Group
Gregory Gaddis, 17th Test Squadron
Derek Ho AFTAC
Blaine Holman, SOUTHCOM
John Poast III, SOUTHCOM
Donald Priaulx, AF Operation Test and Evaluation Center
Wesley Smith, DDMS
Thomas Unrath, 45th Wing Staff
Joseph Weaver, 45th Medical Support Squadron
Marsha Wierschke, AFTAC
Christopher Wyman, SOUTHCOM

AF generals assist in investigation

By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman
AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Three Air Force generals are helping NASA officials review events leading to the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster Feb. 1 as part of the investigation board.

NASA officials selected the panel including Maj. Gen. John Barry, Air Force Materiel Command's plans and programs director here; Maj. Gen. Kenneth Hess, Air Force chief of safety at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.; and Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing commander at Peterson AFB, Colo. The panel provides an independent review of the events and activities that led to the deaths of the seven Columbia astronauts.

Maj. Gen. Barry is currently at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., getting initial briefings and assignments.

"I (worked) as a White House Fellow during the Challenger incident, and my intent is to use the lessons learned there to help find the causes for this," said Maj. Gen. Barry via telephone from Barksdale. "Our hearts go out to the families of all the astronauts."

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AF MATERIEL COMMAND

He served as a White House Fellow, executive officer and liaison to the NASA administrator in Washington from September 1985 to December 1986.

NASA officials also selected Navy Rear Admiral Stephen Turcotte, Naval Safety Center commander at Norfolk, Va.; Dr. James Hallock, U.S. Department of Transportation aviation safety division chief at Cambridge, Mass.; and Steven Wallace, Federal Aviation Administration accident investigation director.

Retired Navy Admiral Harold Gehman Jr. will chair the panel. Gehman co-chaired the independent commission that investigated the attack on the U.S.S. Cole in Aden, Yemen, Oct. 12, 2000, and once served as the commander-in-chief of U.S. Joint Forces Command.

"We need to be responsible, accountable and extremely thorough in this investigation," said NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe in a recent press release.

"This panel is charged with a most difficult task, but I am confident in their ability, their integrity and their dedication to doing what's right. Their findings will help push America's space program successfully into the future." (Air Force Press News)

Air Force extends deployments

By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON - Currently and soon-to-be deployed airmen will remain deployed longer than the previously targeted three-month rotation, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper announced Jan. 28 in a message to all airmen.

The change was made to meet the needs of combatant commanders.

Specifically, active-duty and mobilized Reserve-component airmen deployed with Air and Space Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8 and those deploying as part of new taskings ordered by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on Dec. 24 should anticipate remaining in place until further notice, Gen. Jumper said in the message.

Airmen in some "stressed" career fields have already been extended beyond three months.

The need for additional forces is part of a buildup of air power in Southwest Asia, ready to achieve national security objectives if directed by the president.

"We must interrupt our normal three-month AEF rotation cycle because the resources in a single AEF pair can no longer satisfy the needs of our combatant commands," Gen. Jumper said. He said that the change would likely increase the amount of time many

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- Gen. John P. Jumper

AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF

airmen are deployed. But, he added, it is a necessary move and one he feels will be taken in stride by airmen everywhere. "I know this is a lot to ask, and I am confident that every airman understands we have been called upon once again by our nation," he said. "Our success as an Air Force depends on how we prepare for and execute operations."

Gen. Jumper's words echoed those in a message sent by Mr. Rumsfeld the same day to people in the Department of Defense.

"In recent weeks and months, the president has called the world's attention to Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq," he said.

"He has rallied the United Nations to enforce its resolutions calling for the regime's disarmament."

In light of these developments, DOD leaders recognize the uncertainty longer deployments may create for those in uniform, the civil-

ians who work beside them, and their families, Mr. Rumsfeld said.

"Be assured that the president will not decide to commit forces unless conditions require it, and only as a last resort," he said. "Should action be necessary, you will have what you need to carry out the missions assigned."

Gen. Jumper said every effort will be made to relieve those deployed in a way that accommodates mission requirements.

"I assure you that we will continue to assess the evolving situation and develop rotation plans which seek to relieve our forces in the most equitable fashion while still meeting combatant commanders' warfighting requirements," he said.

"Although AEF rotation timing will change, we will make every effort to preserve the AEF sequence which will give us the ability to sustain our operations over the long term.

"When able, we will return to a more normalized three-month AEF battle rhythm," Gen. Jumper said.

Although that rhythm is intended to provide airmen and their families with a predictable schedule for deployments, resulting in a more normal lifestyle, an implicit understanding is that increased operations tempo changes everything, Gen. Jumper said.

"Sustaining on-going requirements with three-month rotations has become part of our Air Force culture," he said.

"But we need to remember that the AEF structure also allows us to posture for a full range of combat operations, including major theater contingencies that require more forces than can be provided by one AEF pair on a three-month rotation."

It is a national security matter, he said, one in which the efforts of the entire Air Force team will be needed.

"I have never been (more proud) of our Air Force and of the great men and women that bring America's resolve to the doorsteps of those who would seek to inflict harm upon us and our allies," he said. "I know you are all equal to the task, and I look forward to seeing our great Air Force continue to successfully defend American values and freedoms."

Delta IV to launch first military payload

Historic EELV carries DSCS satellite into orbit from Cape's Complex

By Ken Warren
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The first launch of a military spacecraft on an Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle is scheduled for Tuesday when a Boeing Delta IV rocket is set to boost a Defense Satellite Communications System satellite into orbit from Space Launch Complex 37 at Cape Canaveral AFS.

Military satellites have generally flown on legacy systems, such as the Atlas II, Delta II and Titan IV, and a few have flown on the space shuttle. The advent of EELVs marks a shift from those launch systems.

"This is certainly the dawn of a new day for military space programs," said Lt. Col. Tony Taliancich, EELV Cape Consolidated Task Force. "It culminates our joint efforts with industry to develop a national launch capability that satisfies both government and commercial needs."

The CCTF is the government team at the launch base focused on mission assurance through technical insight and surveillance of EELV commercial launch operations.

The Air Force's Eastern Range will provide critical support for the launch in areas such as radar, telemetry, weather, communications and safety. Maj. Julia Black, 45th Range Squadron, is the Range Operations commander for this mission. Her job is to work with Boeing, Bruce Syarto — the program support manager and others to ensure the Range is ready to support on launch day.

"With EELV launches, the Range is the 45th Space Wing's lead agency in terms of working with the users. As the ROC, before the launch I'm involved in a lot of meetings, telecons and with the reviewing of documents and procedures," said Maj. Black.

"During the launch countdown, I ensure the Launch Decision Authority and the Range crew have all the necessary information to make real-time operational decisions," she said.

"It's a lot of work, but I'm up to the challenge," she added.

"I'm excited about being part of the launch team that is ensuring safe access to space for such a critical milestone mission."

Maj. Black served as the Range Control Officer for the first Delta IV mission, which was launched from the Cape on Nov. 20, 2002. It delivered a commercial telecommunications satellite into orbit. The DSCS payload being launched on the upcoming mission weighs approximately 6,200 pounds.

DSCS provides secure voice and data communications for U.S. military forces. The military also uses the system to transmit space operations and early warning data to various systems and users.

Air Force Space Command operates the constellation of Phase III DSCS satellites that orbit the earth at an altitude of more than 22,000 miles.

The EELV program is the Air Force's space lift modernization program. Through a development agreement, worth \$500 million per contractor, the Air Force funded a portion of the development of the Delta IV (Boeing) and Atlas V (Lockheed Martin) vehicles.

"EELVs will carry us into the future. Our goal is to make this first government mission a polished operation," said Maj. Black.



The first launch of a military spacecraft on an Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle is tentatively set for Tuesday when a Boeing Delta IV rocket boosts a Defense Satellite Communications System satellite into orbit. (Photo by Charlton Baile, courtesy of Boeing Corp.)

Patrick mourns loss of recently retired IMA

By Sue Walden
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Many 45th Space Wing personnel are mourning the death of recently retired Master Sgt. Terri Briand, who had served for 16 years as a 45th Security Forces patrolman and flight leader in the Individual Mobilization Augmentee program.

Master Sgt. Briand died early Jan. 26 when the car in which she was a passenger was hit broadside by a motorist who drove through a red light at a Melbourne intersection. Funeral services were held Jan. 31.

Master Sgt. Briand retired Dec.



Master Sgt. Briand

12 from the Air Force Reserve after being mobilized for a year at Patrick Air Force Base in support of Operation Noble Eagle, according to her colleague and good friend Master Sgt. Janet Riley, base IMA administrator. "Master Sgt. Briand also did additional man-days from time to time to support the wing, such as the Air Show and other events."

Her colleagues remember her fondly as being someone who always had a kind word to say about others.

"She was very well respected," said Master Sgt. Riley. "She was a great example for the younger

troops because she always wanted to spend time with them, take them under her wing; she was always accessible and upbeat."

Tech. Sgt. Melinda Markowski, 45th SFS IMA Reserve coordinator, who worked with Master Sgt. Briand for six years agrees. "She was always there for you," she said. "She'd do anything for anyone. Her smile just made everything better. She always wanted to make sure you were alright, even if she didn't work on the same shift, so she'd send friendly e-mails."

Senior Master Sgt. Murray Smith, 45th SFS training and resources superintendent, knew Master Sgt. Briand for 16 years and he will never forget her. Through

the stressful times and the funny times, such as when Master Sgt. Briand helped him when he fell into a cactus plant on a training exercise, Senior Master Sgt. Smith will always have fond memories of her.

"This is such a crushing blow to me," he said. "She was a special person who was a good friend and an exceptional airman who exemplified the force. She always did her best in every aspect of her life. You never saw her as a part-time airman because she always gave it her all."

Born in Eustis, Fla., she came to Brevard County in 1984 from San Bernardino, Calif. She is survived by her husband, Scot and her son, Matthew.

Range undergoes renovations

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

The 45th Space Wing's Eastern Range is tentatively scheduled to undergo upgrades Monday through March 4. During this timeframe, the Range will not support launch operations.

The scheduled down time will allow the Range to switch over from its current system to the new system.

The last time the range was down for modernization was for four weeks, from Aug. 18 through Sept. 21, 2001. At that time, the Range was configured so it had the dual capability to use the old and the new instrumentation.

The switchover capability allowed Range operators to test the new capabilities before making them the primary mode of operation.

Bob Fore, Senior Range Technical Advisor, equates the Range modernization project to the common upgrade one does to a car or personal computer.

"These systems that we currently use are comprised mostly of off-the-shelf products integrated together to perform a very complex set of critical functions," said Mr. Fore. "As with most off-the-shelf products, vendors move on to new product lines and eventually stop supporting their older product lines.

In order to maintain supportable systems and have access to necessary vendor support, spare parts, etc., we have to keep up with technology just like any other industry."

The new capabilities are a combination

of three parts: satellite communications, central telemetry processing system and flight operations version 1 - known collectively as ISCF.

According to Mr. Fore, minimizing operations is mandatory due to the extreme importance of the new capabilities.

"ISCF is replacing what is currently the heart of the Eastern Range System," he said. "While much effort has gone into minimizing the amount of time required to support the cutover, some amount of down time is unavoidable."

The window of opportunity for this down time was set several months in advance and is the start to a series of upgrades to come in the near future, according to Mr. Fore.

"There are other product item integrations following ISCF that are dependent on ISCF," he said. "Some of the follow-on products will require varying amounts of Range downtime to support integration, testing and cutover."

Due to the nature of technology, Range upgrades or modernization is an integral part of Range success and will be a process that is set to continue for many years to come, according to Mr. Fore.

"Range time is a limited, highly sought-after resource, so we do our best to make modernization as transparent as possible," he said.

The Eastern Range starts here at the Cape, covers a 15-million-square-mile area of the Atlantic Ocean, and in conjunction with other U.S. range assets, spans Earth.



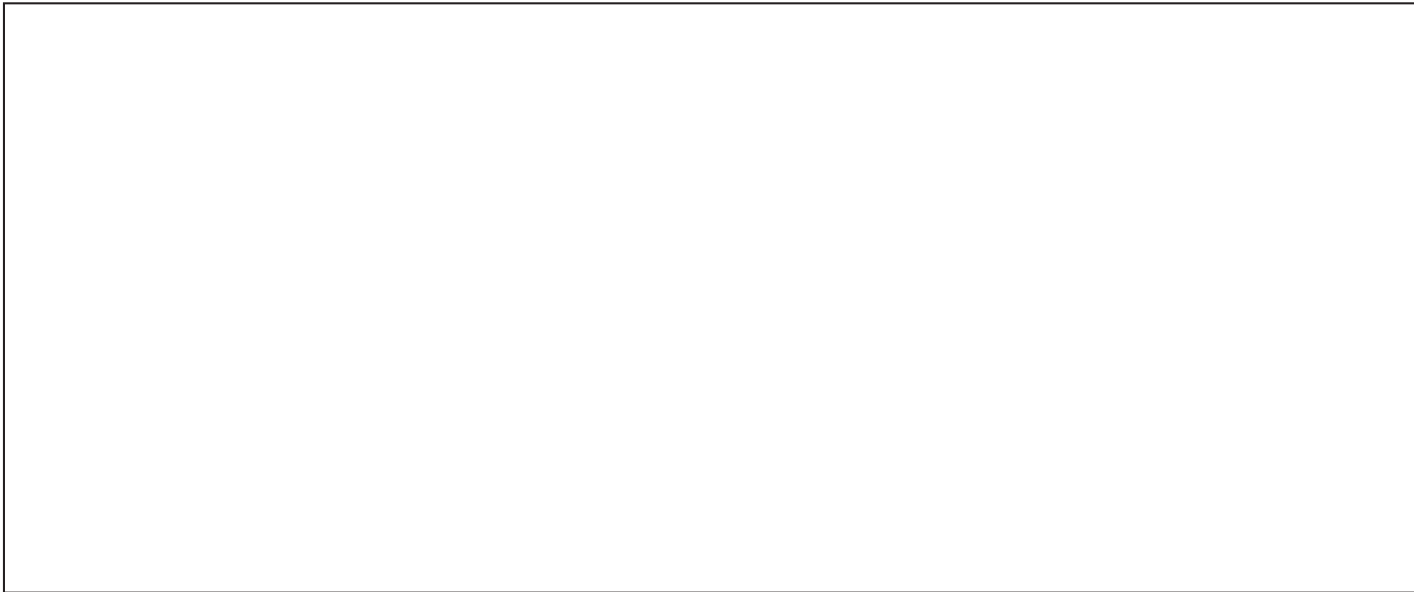
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Contracting wins AFSPC awards

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Contracting Squadron, the wing's official shoppers, brought home the gold.

They won Air Force Space Command-level awards for Outstanding Specialized Contracting Unit, Outstanding Company Grade Contracting Officer, Outstanding Contracting Senior NCO, Special Recognition and Outstanding Base-Level Quality Assurance Evaluator.

Outstanding Contracting Unit

The Air Force's largest operational contracting squadron, spanning 15 million square miles, had 1,913 buys worth \$377.4 million.

"I have a good bunch of supervisors who manage a very large area and I trust them. They let the big issues rise to the top and for the daily operations, they handle it," said Lt. Col. Steven Bible, 45th Contracting Squadron commander.

The unit covers several spectrums of the Air Force mission. It's vital to the space-lift mission, ensuring units have what they need to get rockets off the ground and into orbit. There were no scrubs due to range issues, Lt. Col. Bible said.

The unit was also on the front lines of the war on terrorism as they deployed three contracting officers to Operation Enduring Freedom.

The contracts they cover are in the billions of dollars, as they're a partner in the \$2 billion Joint Base Operations and Support Contract as well as overseeing the contract administration for space launch programs, worth \$20 billion.

Outstanding Contracting Officer

Capt. Joseph Peloquin, 45th CONS installation support flight commander, is a go-to guy.

He supervises 25 contract specialists who made 386 contract actions worth \$15.5 million, for 30 different wing and tenant organizations in 2002. Peloquin said the award isn't his.

"The only reason I'm getting this award is because of the great people who work with me," Capt. Peloquin said. "I haven't awarded a single modification, haven't awarded a contract; it's the people that work for me that do these things. I'm just surrounded with great people."

His accolades on his award package tallies into the millions of dollars that he's saved the Air Force, but he said he also looks out for the contractor as well. "My job is to get a fair and equitable agreement to both parties," said Peloquin.

He stated that the best thing about winning the award is it means that the 45th

Space Wing has been well taken care of. "Contracting is focused to all levels of the mission of this base. And by winning these awards, it tells us we're taking good care of everyone here," Peloquin said.

Outstanding Contracting Senior NCO

Master Sgt. Larry Simmons knows that the Aerospace Expeditionary Force is a way of life now, so he wasn't surprised when orders rolled down for him to go to Qatar in March, 2002 to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

He turned it into a career-broadening experience. He found himself leading a 12-person office that awarded \$3.7 million in quality of life projects, plus another \$500,000 for food service operations that averted a food-borne illness disaster.

"I made sure people got fed, that everything was cleaned," Master Sgt. Simmons said. "We were the second group in, so we just picked up where the first group left off. We were taking things to the next phase of build-up and sustainment. Plus, we bought some critical communications equipment that aided in Operation Enduring Freedom."

"This rates right at the top of things I've done in my career. It was right after 9-11 and I could sit in my office and watch those jets take off for missions over Afghanistan," Master Sgt. Simmons said.

Special Recognition Award

Craig Davis nabbed top command honors for birthing the EZ-Query program.

The program, expected to be implemented Air Force wide, replaced an antiquated program and is a Web-based, more accurate program that allows Finance, Civil Engineer and Supply offices to plug into the program, see how much money is available and gather other data.

Outstanding Quality Assurance Evaluator

Quality is a given when Sandra Wilson, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, is on the job - even if she has to do it herself.

Getting ready for a conference, Ms. Wilson and her colleagues found a stain in a trailer carpet. Ms. Wilson went home and picked up her own steam cleaner, brought it back and went to work on the stain.

"You do everything you can for the customer," Ms. Wilson said. "It's always easy when you're in a wonderful work environment and you love what you do. There's just great people here and I love coming to work with them."

Wing begins smallpox vaccination program

Lt. Col. Timothy Bray
45TH MEDICAL GROUP

The Department of Defense highlighted their plan Dec. 13 for preparations and responses to possible smallpox attacks against servicemembers. Since then, the 45th Space Wing has coordinated plans to implement the program.

Smallpox is caused by the variola virus that spreads from person to person through extended contact of approximately one hour. Symptoms include a severe rash, which progresses to scabs, leaving permanent scars, high fever, head and body aches. Untreated smallpox kills about three of 10 people infected.

"The Department of Defense is establishing a smallpox vaccination program to protect the health and safety of military personnel," said William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "Smallpox is a serious infectious disease. We cannot quantify the threat of it being used as a bioweapon; we know the consequences of its use could be great. Vaccinating servicemembers before an attack is the best way to ensure that our troops are protected and that they can continue their missions if a smallpox outbreak occurs."

This FDA-approved vaccine is the same one given to millions of servicemembers during WWI and WWII. It was still given to basic military trainees until 1990. Vaccinations were discontinued after the World Health Organization declared the global eradication of smallpox as a naturally-occurring disease.

Education about the program is the first step toward receiving the vaccine. The 45th Medical Group physicians will conduct lengthy individual health screenings prior to any vaccinations. A 10-member medical group vaccinator cadre has been identified and will be vaccinated this weekend.

Those receiving the vaccinations will be afforded direct access to medical care to report or discuss any complications. During normal clinic hours they can "walk in" to see a physician. After duty hours, they should contact their primary care manager at 494-8241 who will make arrangements for immediate evaluation if necessary.

Initial reports from more than 170 military personnel vaccinated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in late December indicate no serious complications or secondary infections. In early January, 250 more military medical workers were vaccinated with similar results.

As of Jan. 16, 66 Army and Air Force members were vaccinated in San Antonio, Texas. Most complaints were of muscle aches, while only one complained of fever. "The low number of physical ailments is a promising sign," said Col. (Dr.) Larry Hagan educational director for Wilford Hall's Department of Allergy and Immunology. "It's better than many assumed it would be."

For more information about smallpox vaccinations, call a primary health care manager.

New dry cleaners opens at Cape

By Sue Walden
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After five years of planning and many more of wishing, troops at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station now have a place to get their uniforms cleaned.

The ribbon was cut Tuesday morning at the Army Air Force Exchange shop, located in the E/L building (Bldg. 1704) near the Shoppette.

The Dry Cleaners opened due to the teamwork spearheaded by 45th Operations Group superintendent Chief Master Sgt. John Baker and AAFES general manager Michael Lovejoy.

"We wanted this to be centrally located so it would be easy for people to drop off their laundry," said Chief Baker. Lt. Col. Tom Eye, 45th Mission Support Group, Det. 1 commander and Chief Baker identified an unused break room in the E/L building to set up the shop.

"It's great because you can stop in as you go to the Barber Shop or Shoppette," said Mr. Lovejoy.

"We've needed this service for a long time and today we saw the efforts of a group put thoughts into action," said Lt. Col. Eye.

"The team of AAFES, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, 45th OG, our joint base support contractor SGS and my office brought it to reality.

"It's a great service but, as always, we need to use it or lose it, so we need to get the world out. Remember, nothing that is, has to be because it was," he said.

"I've been waiting a long, long time for this," said Senior Master Sgt. Leo Cappelli, 3rd Space Launch Squadron superintendent and the Dry

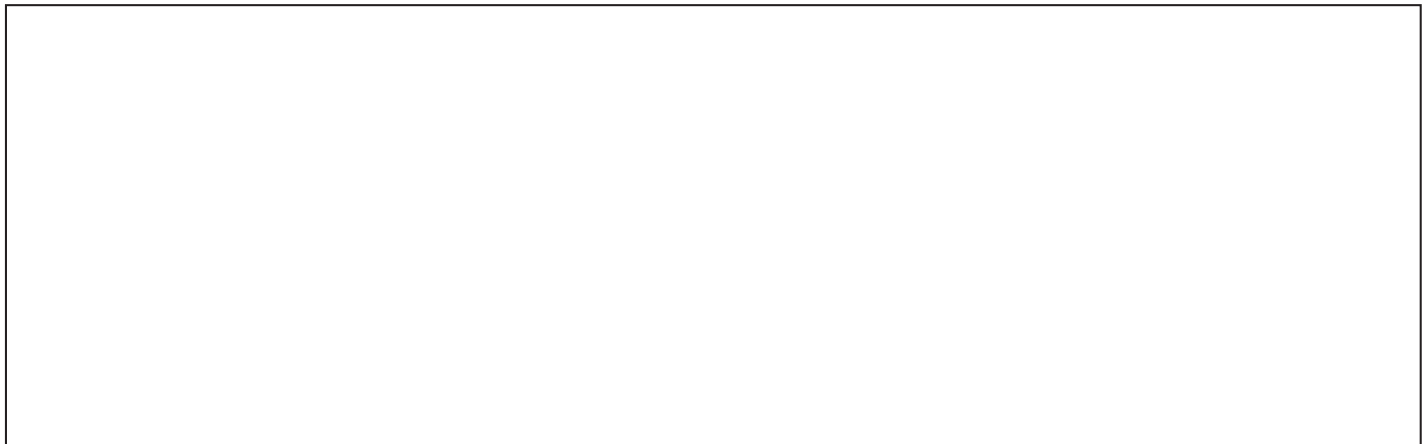


Valerie Pettus, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Dry Cleaners supervisor, takes her first customer, Senior Master Sgt. Leo Capelli, superintendent of 3rd Space Launch Squadron Tuesday. The Dry Cleaners is open Tuesday and Friday 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Photo by Sue Walden)

Cleaners' first customer.

"I've been here eight years. It isn't easy getting your dry cleaning done when there isn't one around."

The Dry Cleaners is open Tuesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Clothes will be ready by the next working day, according to Valerie Pettus, Dry Cleaners' supervisor.



Deployed receive love from home

By Verla Davis
45SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Spouses and children are boxing up some love for their deployed loved one. The Youth Center sponsors a free Valentine's Day Dance where family members - children and spouses will be able to put together care packages for their deployed member.

According to Ms. Lynne Phillips, School Age Child Care program director, members can stop by now until the dance on Feb. 14 to assemble packages. At the dance from 4 to 6 p.m., children and spouses can select from a variety of items to put in their boxes, including two disposable cameras, one for the deployed member to take photos at his/her location and one for the family to take photos here.

If they elect to have pictures developed, they will be added to the box as well. Other items include stationery materials and key chains.

Everything will be provided free of charge except for the fees associated with the photo processing, according to Ms. Phillips.

Ms. Phillips felt compassionate about doing something to support the families and their deployed spouses who will be staying away from home longer.

"Mr. Mount, Family Member Programs flight chief and I worked this one together and came up with the idea of the care packages," she said.

"We wanted to make it easy for them. In other words, the family shows up, selects items for the box, writes a note, takes pictures and we do the rest at no cost or hassle to the family."

Other activities are planned in addition to the dance that day. Children can skate 4 to 5 p.m. in the gym. All skaters must provide their own skates as well as protective gear, and have a signed parent permission form.

Attendees can also enjoy karaoke, food and games.

"We really want our youth to have fun and enjoy themselves," said Ms. Teresa Andrews, Youth Activities director "This will be a good morale booster for them as well as the deployed member who receives the care packages they put together."

This dance is open to 5- to 18 years old, children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information contact the Youth Center at 494-4747.

TRICARE in new building

The Patrick Air Force Base TRICARE Office moved to Bldg. 1370 (next door). Humana TRICARE Service Center on Wickham Road also moves into that building Friday and will be closed that day.

For more information, call 494-8459.

Pre-retirement seminar set

A pre-retirement seminar, Tuesday - Wednesday, 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.

Take a class

Attend the following Family Support Center classes by calling 494-5676. Communication Ideas for Valentine's Day, Tuesday noon 1 p.m.; personal Financial Management Program, Tuesday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Employment Orientation, Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - noon; ABCs of Resumes, Wednesday 8-11:30 a.m.; Sponsorship Training (Bldg. 537, Room 188), Wednesday 9-11 a.m.; How to Start Your Business, Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Pre-separation Briefing, Thursday 9:30-11 a.m.; Introduction to Sewing - Valentine's theme, Thursday noon - 1 p.m.; Commander-Spouse Brunch 10-11:30 a.m.

Tax help available

Most active-duty military, retirees, family members and reservists on Title 10 can receive free income tax assistance and electronic filing of federal income tax returns at the 45th Space Wing Legal Office, Bldg. 52. The Tax Center opened Wednesday and services are provided by appointment only now through April 15.

Schedule an appointment through a Volunteer Income Tax Assistant or call 494-4914. The center prepares basic 1040E, 1040A and 1040 returns.

Be on committee

The newly-reorganized Patrick Spouses' Club accepts nominations for the 2003-2004 executive board. Previous experience isn't needed. Elected positions include president, first and second vice president, recording secretary, treasurer and charitable treasurer. Additional committee positions include activities, awards, charitable services, countdown staff, decorating, historian, member-at-large, membership, programs, publicity, reservations, sunshine and ways and means. The club is open to all spouses regardless of rank. Meetings provide spouses an opportunity to socialize and share talents.

For a candidates questionnaire or for more information, contact Jayne Hazen at 777-3973 or e-mail da4hazens@cfl.rr.com. Applications must be received by Feb. 20.

Promotion ceremony set

Lt. Col. William Cleckner assumes the rank of colonel in a ceremony March 1, 10 a.m. at Complex 14, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. R.S.V.P. by Feb. 24; by calling 494-6194. Personnel who don't have a Cape badge should R.S.V.P. early and arrive by 9:30 a.m. March 1 at the Cape South Gate for escort. Military dress is duty uniform; civilian casual dress.

Scholarships available

The Patrick Spouses' club is accepting applications through March 25 for their annual scholarship program. Scholarships are open to high-school-age children of active-duty military members stationed at Patrick AFB, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Antigua or Ascension Island. Pick up applications at any Brevard County high school or call Terri Ten Haken at 779-4255.

Celebrate Valentine's Day

The Army Officers' Wives Group invites all officers' wives, their husbands and friends to join them for their Valentine's luncheon Feb. 14, 11:30 a.m. at the Officers' Club. Menu choices are grilled pork chops Omaha for \$8.74 or light chef salad for \$8.38. Make reservations by Feb. 12 by calling 729-9342 or 777-1227. There are no dues to join the group.

Triage has new hours

The 45th Medical Group's nurse triage has changed hours. It is now available during duty hours from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. for all beneficiaries and 7-7:30 a.m. for active-duty only. Weekend hours are no longer available.

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

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs representative, Rick Morell is located in the VA Outpatient Clinic in Viera.

He assists with service-connected disability, nonservice-connected pension claims for both wartime veterans and their widows or widowers and orphans. Burial benefits for veterans and family, survivor benefits, and a whole range of other benefits including medical benefits are also provided.

He works closely with the pre-discharged program. Submit a claim for a service-connected disability with the VA prior to being released from active duty anytime between 180 and 60 days from discharge date.

Call 321-637-3693 for more information.

Seven stars who will never be forgotten



The Columbia crew from left are Navy Capt. David Brown, mission specialist; Air Force Col. Rick Husband, commander; Navy Cmdr. Laurel Blair Salton Clark, mission specialist; Kalpana Chawla, mission specialist; Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Anderson, mission specialist; Navy Cmdr. William McCool, pilot and Israeli Air Force Col. Ilan Ramon, payload specialist. (Photo courtesy of NASA)



Mourners from Patrick Air Force Base bow for a prayer given by Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas Unrath, during the memorial service at Memorial Plaza Monday afternoon. Hundreds turned out for the ceremony. The Honor Guard rendered a retreat ceremony in honor of the Columbia crew. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

“ The Columbia crew expanded our universe and we will continue their journey into the future. ”

- Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich

45TH SPACE WING COMMANDER



Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Searle comforts 800 mourners who attended the memorial ceremony in Hangar F at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Monday morning. (Photo by 1st Lt. Eric Badger)

Leaders pay tribute to Columbia crew

This is a joint message from Dr. James G. Roche, secretary of the Air Force and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

On Feb. 1, our nation and the world lost seven courageous, talented individuals when the Space Shuttle Columbia Orbiter (STS-107) experienced catastrophic failure 15 minutes prior to landing at Kennedy Space Center. Among these brave astronauts were two officers from the Air Force family - Col. Rick Husband, mission commander, from Amarillo, Texas; and Lt. Col. Michael Anderson, payload commander, from Spokane, Wash.

On behalf of the men and women of the U.S. Air Force, we offer our deepest condolences to our Air Force family members Evelyn Husband and her children Laura and Matthew, and Sandra Anderson and her children Sydney and Kaycee. We stand together with all Americans in offering our prayers for the families, friends, and co-workers of those lost in this tragic accident. We will never forget their great contributions to our nation and the world.

While we are deeply saddened by this tragic loss, we are also very proud of the Air Force team that has tirelessly assisted in the response to this national tragedy.

Air Force Space Command units from Peterson, Buckley, and Patrick Air Force Bases provided tracking data as part of the accident investigation. Tanker units from Birmingham, Ala., and fighter squadrons from Texas and Louisiana supported a number of search and recovery actions. We've also flown communications support out of Texas and Oklahoma and provided airlift support

from McGuire AFB. Barksdale AFB provided part of the Initial Response Teams supporting the Texas Department of Public Safety in recovery efforts, and continues to function as the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Consequence Management Operations Center and

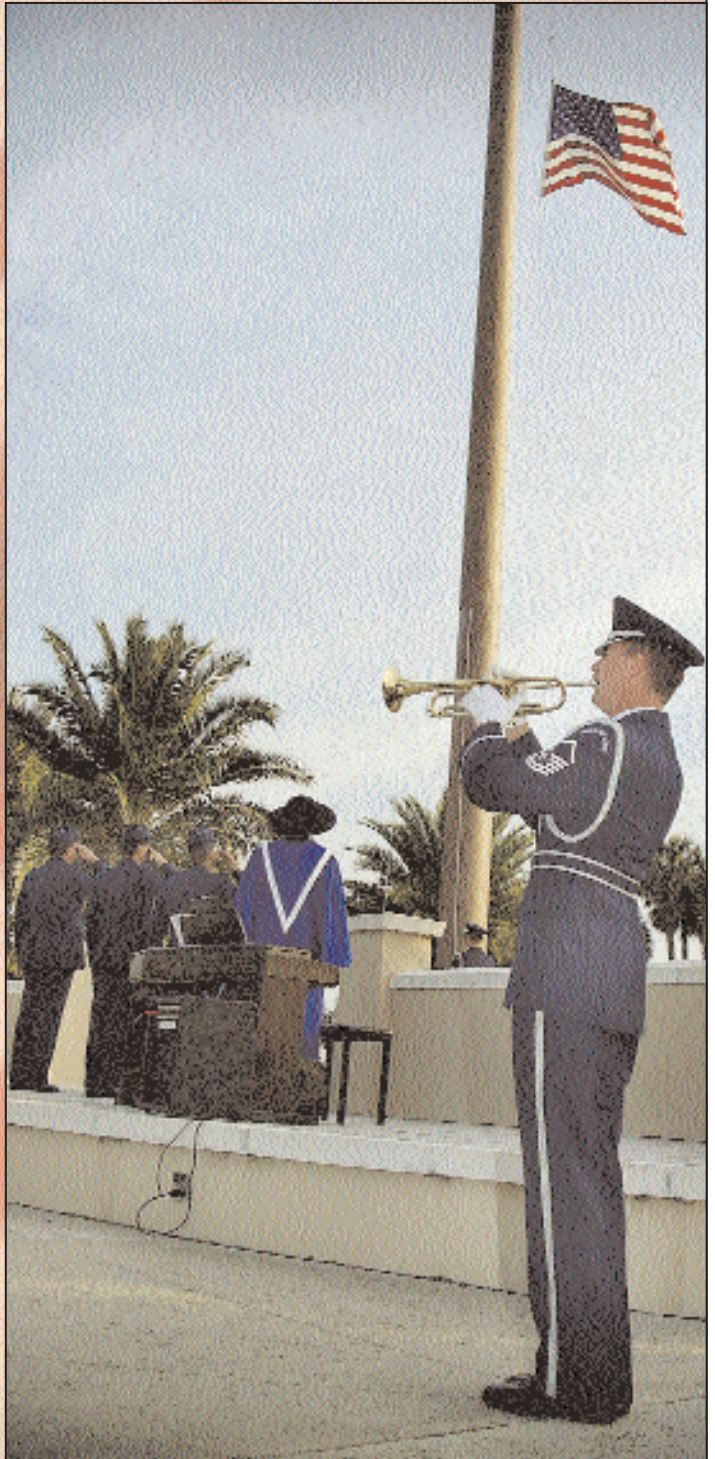
NASA Shuttle Recovery Center. The Air Force family will continue to offer support to the astronauts' families, DoD, NASA, FEMA, and state organizations.

We grieve for our friends and co-workers, but we also join the rest of the world in celebrating seven lives well-lived and promise to continue to support the space program's noble mission of discovery.

May God bless the grieving families, our men and women in uniform, and the United States of America.



Airman William Lloyd, 45th Space Wing Safety Office, pays homage to the shuttle crew during the memorial service at Patrick. (Photo by Beth VonLaufen)



A Patrick Honor Guard bugler plays taps as fellow Honor Guard members retire the colors at Patrick's Memorial Plaza during the retreat ceremony at the conclusion of the memorial. (Photo by Jim Laviska)



Last week, crews began demolishing Patrick's building 330, which served as the base's supply warehouse since it was built in 1944. Next door, the new DEOMI building is under construction. (Photo by



Building 330, seen here in 1992, didn't go through many structural changes over the generations. (Photo courtesy of 45th SW Historian Office)

By Sue Walden
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

If walls could talk, building 330 on Patrick Air Force Base would have been the gray-haired granddaddy that told of seaplanes at its doors and colorful people wheeling in and out base-essential supplies to the busy warehouse.

Building 330, identified as a historic building because it was a World War II-era building featuring architectural elements indicative of that time, is in the process of being torn down. Since the base's new central supply warehouse, administration building and air terminal were opened last summer, the federally-funded construction project called for the building to be bulldozed.

Constructed in 1944, the 84,000 square-foot building was situated on the Banana River near the new Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute building currently under construction, and began as the general storehouse and main equipment building for the base, which was then the Banana River Naval Air Station, according to base historian Mark Cleary.

Four years earlier, the base was commis-



It's just another day during World War II at Banana River Naval Air Station, which was renamed Patrick Air Force Base in 1950. (Photo courtesy of 45th SW Historian Office.)



The 84,000 square-foot building is listed with the National Historical Preservation Act because it was constructed during the World War II-era and its art deco is typical of that era. (Photo courtesy of the 45th SW Historian Office)

sioned - built in response to public and military concern for the vulnerability of the Florida peninsula to enemy attack. It was originally established as an auxiliary operating base of the Atlantic Coast Defense System, but soon the Navy added a training command for pilots. With World War II in full swing and German submarine wolfpacks lurking off Florida's shores, Banana River Naval Air Station grew rapidly in personnel and in construction growth. Building 330 was part of that expansion scheme.

Though the base evolved into the Joint Long Range Proving Ground Base for the Air Force in 1949 and renamed Patrick Air Force Base in 1950, building 330 remained a warehouse through the ages.

Before any major actions to a building take place on a federal installation, people must assess the environmental impacts of that action. According to Don George, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron cultural resource manager, impacts to historic structures are a part of that assessment.

"The National Historical Preservation Act requires federal agencies to inventory and record what buildings are historical to preserve our nation's cultural resources," he said. The criteria in making a building historic typically is a structure that is more than 50 years old, one that is uniquely crafted or has affiliation with a famous individual or is significant due to an event, such as a president sleeping there.

"Building 330 is on our list because of its role in the base of that era," said Mr. George.

"The building is very typical of that time period," said Mr. Cleary.

"Also it had a unique art deco design in the doorways, overhang and lattice work in the beams on the loading docks," said Mr.

George. "This art deco wasn't found often in a warehouse building in that era, but was seen frequently on buildings, such as hotels, in Miami, for instance.

Buildings scheduled for demolition must also be investigated for potential environmental impacts. "We have to make sure the buildings don't have anything that could create environmental impacts, such as lead base paint, asbestos, and other things that can contaminate people tearing it down or the area around it," he said. "If they do, we must take steps to ensure the crew isn't exposed to contaminants and that those contaminants are properly disposed."

With many endangered wildlife in the area, it is also essential those animals are removed carefully, if they reside in buildings ready for demolition. Case in point was a Burrowing Owl that liked to spend part of his day sitting on one of building 330's beams. "We saw that it wasn't nesting; as a matter of fact we determined its nest is near the airfield, so I'm sure when the wrecking crew began, the owl wasn't anywhere near the building with all that noise," Mr. George said.

Building 330's history has been preserved through documentation at the base, at the State Historical Preservation Office and in the Library of Congress. It depicts structural and historical information, as well as pictures. Those records now tell the tales of the gray-haired granddaddy's life.

Sharks win on soccer field

The base soccer team began the second half of the season with a 5-0 win over the East Coast Eddie's. Ian Morley and Andres Alvarez each scored two goals and DJ Tanner tallied one as Patrick dominated the Eddies.

The effort was boosted by the solid goalkeeping of Joshua Johnston and stellar defensive performances by Tony Manson, Waylend Reed, and two newly acquired DEOMI students. The win sets the young season record at 1-0-0. Patrick will take the field this Sunday at Hobart Field against AC United.

Intramural basketball

45th Med Group	7-1
Defense Finance and Acctg SVS	5-2
45th Security Forces Sq	5-3
Navy	3-4
45th Civil Engineer Sq	2-5
45th Range Sq	2-5
45th Weather Sq	2-6

Over-30 basketball

45th Services/MSSQ	6-0
Air Force Technical App Ctr.	4-1
920th Rescue Group	3-3
45th Civil Engineer Sq	2-3
45th Med Group	1-4
45th Security Forces Sq	0-4

Golf

45th Contracting Sq	98.5
1st Space Launch Sq	87.5
45th Civil Engineer Sq #1	72.5
Operational Test Support Unit #2	69.5
45th Med Group	59.5
Air Force Technical Application Ctr	65
45th Mission Support Sq.	56.5
45th Range Sq.	54.5
45th Services Sq.	53
45th Civil Engineer Sq #2	53.5
Operational Test Support Unit #1	40
3rd Space Launch Squadron	34



The Magic's Tracy McGrady, the NBA's leading scorer, will be displaying his talent against the Celtics April 12, when Air Force members will get discount tickets and meet former players. *(Magic photo)*

Magic open courts to military, families, friends

The Orlando Magic open their courts to Patrick AFB members April 12 with \$20 tickets, nearly half off the regular price.

Not only will people get cheap tickets, but also tickets to a pre-game reception at a nearby hotel with former Magic great Dee Brown. A few will also get to be part of the high-five line with the Magic players before the game. After the game, military members and their guests will meet the Magic mascot Stuff and the Magic

dance team.

"People need to keep in mind that the sooner they call in, the better tickets they'll get," said Salman Lewis, Magic Air Force night coordinator. "I want to walk into that arena on April 12 and see nothing but Air Force blue."

Mr. Lewis added that the event is open to anyone with any type of Department of Defense identification card and their friends and family.

For ticket information, call 407-916-2975.



Fitness center sets Valentine's Day

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Dreading another lonely Valentine's Day? The Fitness Center staff has just the solution.

Forget the bar scene. Forget online dating, dating services, blind dating; the Fitness Center has the perfect way to develop a relationship with that special someone who'll touch your heart as you take care of your heart.

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, the Fitness Center staff sponsors the perfect way, in their eyes, to develop a relationship - a 5-kilometer run where all entrants who enter as couples, receive a T-shirt.

"What we want to do is give people a chance to turn their sweetheart into a healthy heart," said Trish Duve, project officer.

The Fitness Center staff realizes not all sweethearts are runners, so they're allowing people to participate in a spin or aerobics class, strength training or a 1.5 mile walk that will be at the same time as the 11 a.m. run.

"(We're promoting) a healthy compatible lifestyle," Ms. Duve said. "It doesn't matter what level of fitness someone is, we've got this set-up where anyone can participate."

The staff has their honor roll of long-time loves that say they either met at the gym or their love has grown at the gym.

The first honoree is the long-time assistant director Naomi Parish. She met her husband in the Fitness Center in Australia, where her husband was serving in the Air Force.

"I was working the front counter, and he came in, we talked and our relationship progressed to where we were pretty serious," Ms. Parish said.

The relationship was at the point that when Steve got orders, there was only one thing to do, and there was no doubt about where to do it. "He asked me to marry him right there in the Fitness Center," Naomi said.

Eight years later, and life is still good for the couple.

For Trudy and Art Hughes, working out is a regular part of their relationship. In fact, the Fitness Center staff says they can practically set their watch by them coming through the doors at about 11 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

They met 18 years ago when they were working in the same section at Air Force Technical Applications Center. Three years later, they were working out and engaged. Eighteen years later, they're still going, just with different jobs. Art is now laboratory manager and Trudy is the 45th Space Communications Squadron's chief of plans flight.

One thing hasn't changed in that time though. Just like clockwork, they're working out regularly together.

They're both leaders in their job and would love to have their entire work sections walking



Art and Trudy Hughes said their three sessions per week at the Fitness Center are nearly sacred. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

through the door with them. Trudy has 30 people working in her section. "I can't force anyone to go but I do encourage everyone," Hughes said. "The biggest example I give is myself. I try and lead by example. I invite them to accompany me to classes. I never plan meetings between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m."

It's a high bar they've set for their workers. You might find them participating in a number of activities. Running, step aerobics, body conditioning, spin classes, working out on the cross trainer, rarely lift weights, (Trudy hates it) play ping pong, water ski and weekly line dance.

The reasons they work out together is almost as numerous as the activities they participate in.

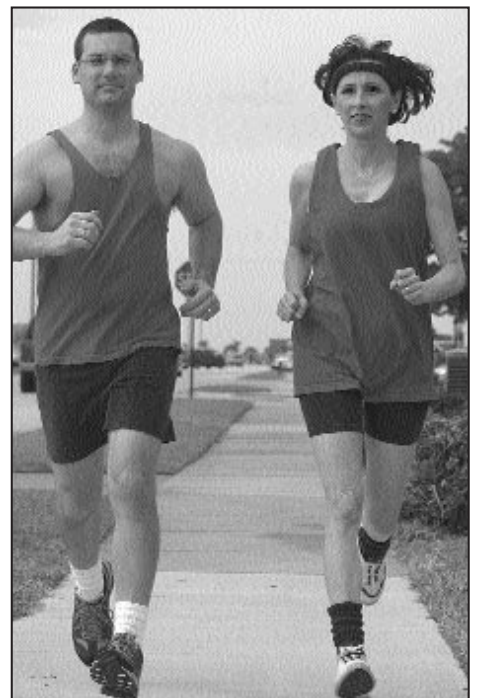
"It helps that it gives us a consistent time together. We have a consistent date. It also helps that when one of us doesn't feel like working out, the other one says we're going," Trudy said.

Art's reasons are a little different. "Working out is a huge stress relief for me, plus it's good to see Trudy."

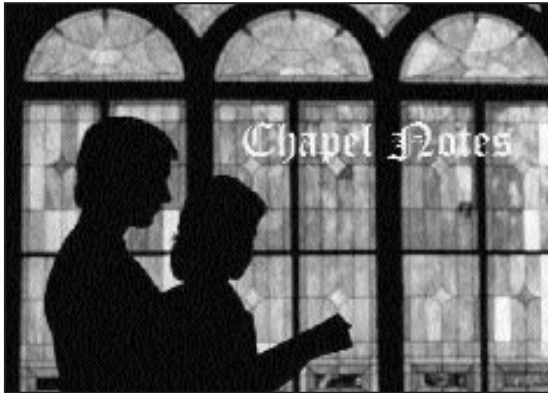
"We make it a point to schedule things with each other so we're able to get our own interests taken care of and see each other," Art said.

One thing is certain, the couple will be at the Fitness Center on Valentine's Day. Along with numerous other couples who will be working out together, some for the first time.

"We just want to give people the chance to develop a healthier lifestyle," Duve said.



The couple does everything from running to spinning classes with an occasional session of line dancing thrown in. (Photos by Jim Laviska)

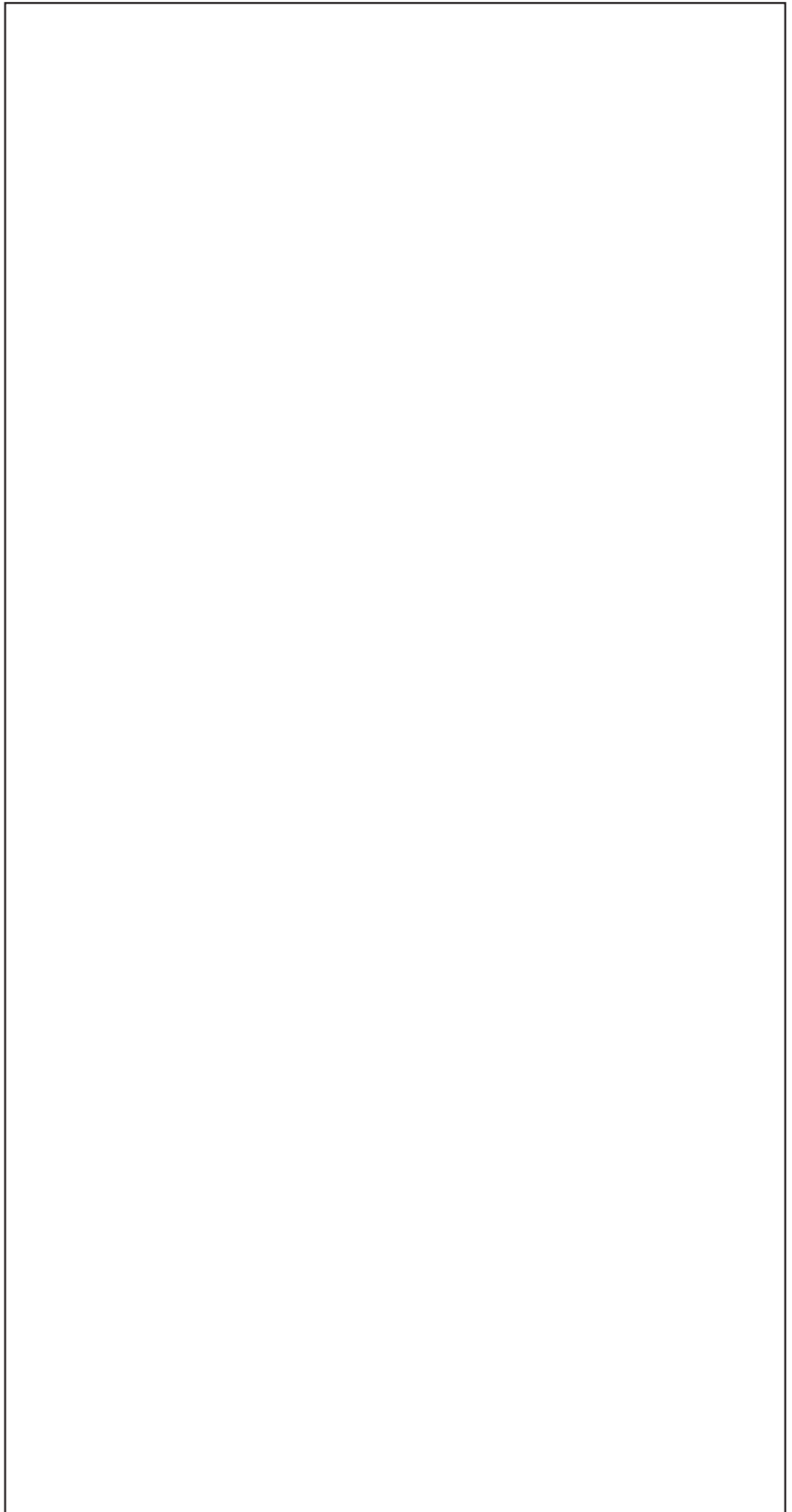
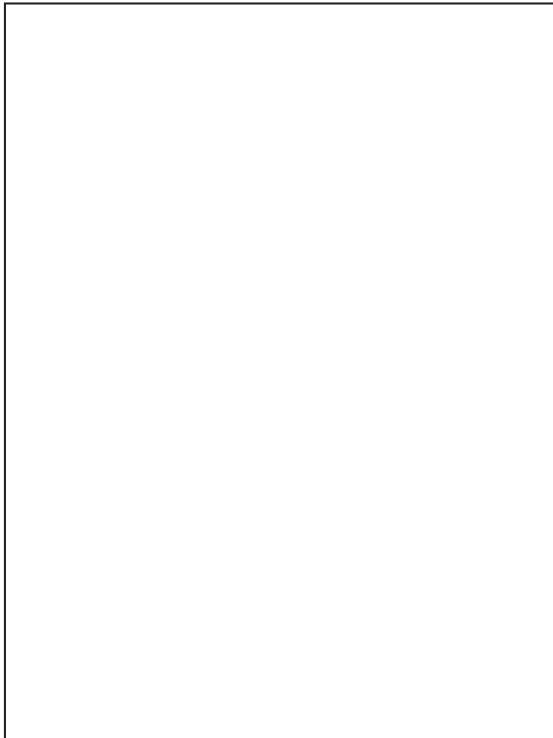


Catholic

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 K-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.



Order Valentine's Day balloons

Outdoor Recreation delivers Valentine's Day balloons Feb. 14 to Patrick offices and housing residents of deployed/TDY spouses. Balloon orders placed for Cape Canaveral Air Force Station personnel will be delivered to the Cape's ITT office. Those placing the orders at CCAFS can pick up their orders at the Cape ITT office from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The balloons are \$3 each (minimum order of two for delivery). Order by calling Terry Hamric at 494-9692 or Sue Kerr at 494-9625 through Wednesday. Phone in any order for pick-up through Feb. 14 or visit Outdoor Recreation 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursday - Tuesday.

Apply for Fitness Center lockers

Active-duty women assigned to Patrick Air Force Base or Cape Canaveral AFS can now apply for a locker in the women's locker room at the Patrick Fitness Center.

All previous active-duty occupants must reapply for their locker due to locker rearrangement. Call Naomi Parish, Fitness Center assistant director at 494-4534. Leave a message and include rank, name, squadron and a contact phone number.

Jobs within Services

The 45th Services Squadron has employment opportunities for the following Nonappropriated Fund positions: Commercial sponsorship coordinator NF-03, Marketing and Publicity; computer assistant NF-03, Resources Management; recreation assistant NF-02, Fitness Center;

club operations assistant NF-02, food service worker NA-01, 02, waiters NA-02, custodial workers NA-02, Officers' Club; food service worker, NA-01, 02, waiter NA-03 and custodial workers NA-02.

Enter the competition

The Cape Fitness Center's Second Annual Bench Press Competition is Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. in the Cape Canaveral AFS Fitness Center.

The event is opened to all active duty, retired and contract personnel authorized to use the facility. Members must weigh in before the day of the event. Call 853-3966 to register and for more information.

Tops in Blue performs

Patrick Air Force Base presents the U.S. Air Force active-duty performance team, Tops in Blue, at the Cocoa Village Amphitheater Feb. 26 starting at 7:30 p.m.

This group's main mission is to perform for military personnel and their families throughout the world.

Admission is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to this event. (Coolers are not permitted at this event.) Call 494-5608 or 494-4375 for more information.

Sign up for golf tourney

The last day to register for the President's Day Tournament is noon Feb. 14 at the Manatee Cove Golf Course. The format is a two-person team with three separate formats in one 18-hole round. Shotgun Feb. 17 is at 8 a.m.

Players must have a USGA handicap or play scratch. Cost is \$22 for annual pass/fee holders, \$32 for punch card holders (no punch required) and \$35 for all other players. Call 494-7856 for more information.

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.

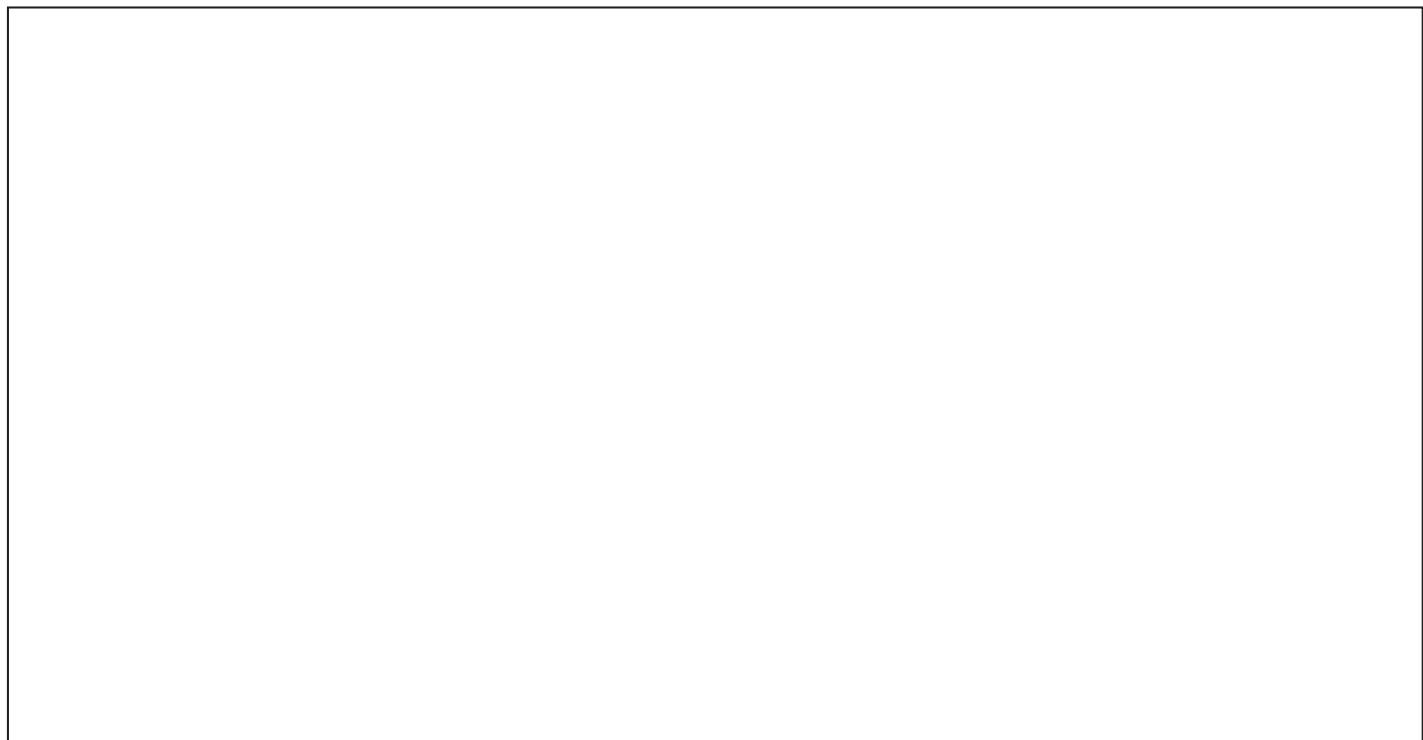
The best way to get something fixed is to identify the problem to supervisors and first sergeants. If you can't get your problem resolved through the agencies, contact the Action Line: e-mail, action@patrick.af.mil or click global at Action Line - Patrick AFB; recorded message, 494-6550; mail, 45SW/PA 1201 Edward H. White II St, Ste C-130, Patrick AFB FL 32925-3237; fax, 494-7302. Address all correspondence "Attn: Action Line."

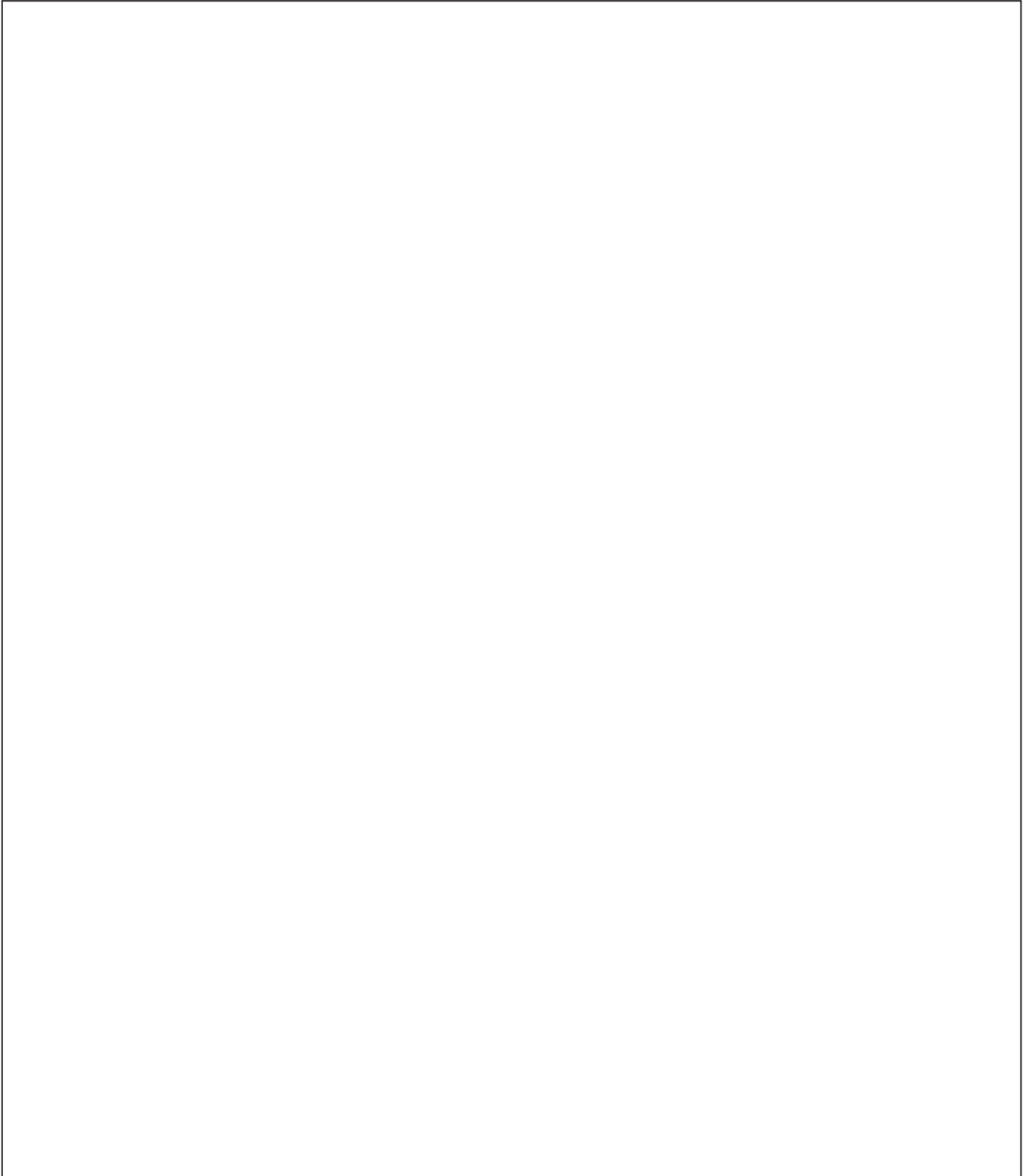
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Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich
45th SW commander

45th Mission Support Group Col. Steve Werner 494-6607	Civilian Personnel Robert Daniel 494-5238
45th Civil Engineer Squadron Lt. Col. Chris Hazen 494-4041	Military Equal Opportunity Capt. Marlon Johnson 494-6334
Base Housing Caroline Jamba 494-2593	45th Security Forces Squadron Lt. Col. David Woods 494-6202
45th Services Squadron Lt. Col. John Sproul 494-8081	Financial Services 1st Lt. Raymond Kipp Bradley 494-7171
Military Personnel Capt. Richard Rivera 494-7831	45th Medical Group Col. Charles Mackett III 494-8100
Commissary officer Donald Pruitt 494-4060	Ground Safety Paul Compton 494-2202
AAFES Mike Lovejoy 494-6455	Inspector General Lt. Col. Ralph Gracia 494-2287







Friday *The Wild Thornberrys*

Animated. Eliza and Debbie are two sisters who don't always get along, but their relationship is put to the test when Debbie's life is in danger and Eliza might have to give up her power to talk to animals to help her. (PG for some adventure peril)

Saturday *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* The second in the Tolkien trilogy. Frodo the hobbit braves terrible dangers in an attempt to have the evil ring

destroyed. Stars Elijah Wood, Sean Astin. (PG-13 for violent images)

Sunday 2 p.m. matinee *The Wild Thornberrys* See Friday's synopsis.

Sunday *Two Week's Notice* George doesn't make a move without Lucy, his chief counsel at Wade Corp. Lucy is calling it quits. Is it ever too late to say 'I love you?' Stars Sandra Bullock, Hugh Grant. (PG-13 for some sex-related humor)

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.

Festivals

Saturday - Sunday, 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.

Sunday IndiaFest at Wickham Park Pavilion, Melbourne. Call 779-0110.

Feb. 14-16 Jumbalaya Jam at Wickham Park Pavilion, Melbourne. Call 633-4028

Music

Saturday, 7-10 a.m. Moonlight Stroll Music Under the Stars at Erna



Nixon Park, Melbourne.

Enjoy live music under the pavilion and on the boardwalk. 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. Call 952-4525.

Art Exhibit

In celebration of Black History Month, the Brevard Community College Cocoa campus features artwork called "Africa Africa Africa" by Strawbridge Art League during February.

The event is free.

Theater

Friday - Feb. 22 Cocoa Village Playhouse presents "Fiddler on the Roof" every Thursday - Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 636-5050.

