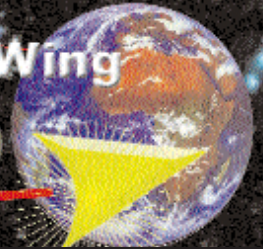


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Vehicle registration mandatory at Patrick

By Ida Barry
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Driving a vehicle on Patrick Air Force Base is a privilege granted by the installation commander - it isn't a right.

The 45th Space Wing Security Forces Squadron

reminds personnel that vehicle registration and a current serviceable decal affixed to their windshield is an Air Force requirement.

All DoD-affiliated personnel who work or receive support from Patrick Air Force Base must register their vehicles at Patrick.

Eligible vehicle registrants include assigned active-duty and civilian personnel working on base, retired personnel, Reserve and National Guard personnel and survivors of deceased active-duty and retired personnel who are authorized to use base facilities.

Every vehicle in the immediate family must be registered.

"This has always been a requirement," said Capt. Scott Sanford, 45th SFS operations officer. "Yet we continue to have a big trend of people simply forgetting that vehicle registration is required."

After 9/11 people were so

accustomed to showing their ID to get onto base they simply let that lapse.

"We want this to be a reminder first before we start cracking down on those that do not abide by this policy."

The requirement exists for several reasons. It identifies

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- Capt. Scott Sanford
45TH SFS OPERATIONS OFFICER

that the vehicle is being operated by a member of Patrick Air Force Base, ensures that the vehicle has covered insurance and provides another method to track the proper owner

in case the vehicle is involved in an accident, parked illegally or abandoned.

Security Forces also want the public to ensure vehicle registration decals are in serviceable order.

"People are letting their decals deteriorate to the point where they are faded or can't be read on their windshield," said Capt. Sanford.

"We are asking people to go to Pass and Registration to re-register their vehicle if their decals are unserviceable."

For more information on vehicle registration and registration eligibility, call 494-3545 or visit Bldg. 577 adjacent to the main gate.



From Earth to Mars

A Boeing Delta II rocket was successfully launched Tuesday at 1:58 p.m. from Space Launch Complex 17A, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station carrying the first of two NASA Mars Exploration Rovers. MER A, also named "Spirit," will land at Mars' Gusev Crater in January. MER B, also called "Opportunity," is scheduled to launch June 25 and will land on the opposite side of Mars. The rovers' mission is to examine geological evidence of past water activity and prior environmental conditions hospitable to life. (Photo courtesy of NASA)

Outstanding is just the START!



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich
45TH SW COMMANDER

It's Friday the 13th, but I feel lucky — lucky to be an American, lucky to be married to Deb and lucky to serve in our fabulous Air Force with a great mission, in one of the world's greatest locations.

Besides, I can't see how anybody can think of any Friday as an unlucky day. It's the last day of a busy workweek (unless we're launching on a Saturday or Sunday) and the first day of the weekend when I hope many of you get a chance to spend some quality time with family and friends.

As I mentioned last week, Deb and I are celebrating our first anniversary of being back on the Space Coast with the 45th Space Wing. These last 12 months have just flown by. We are enjoying life here in what has become our second home.

Our first year was buoyed by several success stories that are all a tribute to your hard work and dedication to this mission and our fellow men and women of the 45th Space Wing. Of course, the biggest story was earning our first-ever "OUTSTANDING" rating on an Operational Readiness Inspection.

But you earned it—and then some. The IG team recognized 58 professional teams, 50 professional performers and five best practices. Wow! The ORI was our Super Bowl. We came ready and routed the opposition because we fought them like they were an enemy — not sitting back waiting for them to throw a scenario at us. You defeated the opposition by staying ahead of their strategizing and keeping them off balance. That's exactly what we did in spades!

Our unprecedented ORI accomplishments sparked our current rallying cry: Outstanding is just the START! Everyday, you prove that motto is more than just words. It's our way of life, our way of doing business...our way of ensuring America's unfettered and continued access to space. That motto is also key to our performance plan — the blue print to get even better than outstanding. And yes, it's possible. Just look in the mirror and you'll see one of the biggest reasons why.

People power is what it's all about. Every member of our team — military, civilian service, volunteer, family member and mission partner — is critical to helping us reach and exceed our goals. That's why over the past year I've initiated a series of programs that I hope you realize are in place to energize, educate and empower you. And not to

mention help bring our military and civilian workforces even closer together, as well as closing the distance between Patrick and the Cape.

One thing I'm extremely proud of are the strides we have made toward empowering our Air Force civilians. Based on feedback from the CSAF survey, many of our civilians did not feel like they were truly respected, full-fledged members of Team 45. We took aggressive steps to fix the situation. I believe our monthly civilian calls at Patrick and the Cape help to get the word out on our performance expectations and accomplishments. Our civilian award winners are now recognized along with their military counterparts at our quarterly and annual awards banquets.

The Civilian Oversight Recommendation Team was formed to actively work to improve communication, recognition, working conditions and career enhancement/mentoring opportunities. Establishing a new GM-15 Eastern Range Technical director position was another step in the right direction. Mr. Bob Fore brings years of expertise and experience to this job, which puts a senior civilian into the flow of some of the most critical programs we have going on as well as underscores the importance of our civilian service workforce on our senior staff.

Two groups of civil service members who recently made tremendous contributions were our air show support team and our South Housing Privatization Acquisition Support Team. We could not have had the success we had without their leadership. Next week, I'll be presenting notable achievement awards to 14 civil service employees for their work in planning and executing the incredible air show. Ms. Melisse DuMont, Ms. Caroline Jamba, Mr. Marty McAlwee, Ms. Sherri Brassfield and Mr. Todd Ashline deserve a hearty tiger shark salute for our housing privatization effort. Col. Steve Werner, 45th Mission Support Group commander; Lt. Col. Chris Hazen, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron commander; and Mr. Jack Gibson, Deputy Range/Base civil engineer also deserve kudos. Well done!

Monday, we released the name of the developer we are partnering with to build what will be

one of the premier master planned communities in this area. Brand spanking new homes, in walking distance to the ocean. I believe our new housing will make us the envy of the Air Force.

We expect to start demolishing old units in phases starting in October/November and to break ground on the new units shortly thereafter. New homes for military families will be ready for occupancy by November 2004. Those of you who will get the opportunity to live in one of these new homes are in for a real treat. Our Air Force owes you and your families the best. In this case, that's exactly what you're going to get in this four-year project. I've always said we recruit service members, but retain families. This huge quality of life enhancement is just one of the ways our Air Force is living up to its commitment to you and yours.

Unfortunately, a number of us will separate, PCS or retire before the new housing units are ready. In fact, we're in the midst of the annual summer PCS season now. Through the end of August, we're going to experience a lot of turnover among our military personnel. We bid each departing team member and their families a fond farewell and thank them for their numerous contributions to the Patrick, Cape and Space Coast communities.

We're going to have quite a few change of command ceremonies and even more newcomers joining our ranks. It'll be up to those of us still holding the fort to welcome them and get them up to speed ASAP so they can hit the ground running, have an immediate impact and feel like they're part of our team from day one. That is what START! is all about.

One of those newcomers isn't actually a newcomer at all. Col. Everett Thomas came on board as our new vice commander this week. He came back to us after stints as the operations group commander at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming, and with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, but from 1995-1998 Col. Thomas served here as the Cape Commander and then Commander of the 5th Space Launch Squadron. Welcome back Ev and Melody!

As many of you know, Col. and Mrs. Thomas are as a high caliber of people as you can get. They're representative of the types of folks coming to join us and we welcome them all, as many of the faces around our wing change this summer. Please give them an outstanding welcome.

I'm sure you'll handle these changes seamlessly and do whatever it takes to ensure we don't skip a beat. Thanks for all you do to protect America and keep her first in space. Thanks Delta! Go Spirit! Be safe and God bless!



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Two-year-old Jordan Russell and Christopher Casey cool off in the Outdoor Recreation Pool, located behind the NCO Club. Simply by swimming at the pool Wednesdays people can pick up ATWIND game pieces. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)

Daily ATWIND activities

The following are the different days some of the 45th Services Squadron facilities are giving away ATWIND game pieces during the summer.

Sunday: Officers' Club Brunch

Monday: Fitness and Sports Center's ATWIND Day; eat at Fit-to-Go (for all authorized patrons)

Tuesday: Lunch at the Bowling Center; Youth Day at Manatee Cove Golf Course; Outdoor Recreation ATWIND Check-out Day; participate in the Patrick Fitness and Sports Center's Water Aerobics Class

Wednesday: Eat lunch at Riverside Dining Facility (authorized patrons only); lunch at the Officers' Club; Outdoor Recreation Family Swim ATWIND Day; participate in the Fitness and Sports Center's Aerobics Class

Thursday: Patrick Base Library ATWIND Day; eat lunch at Manatee Cove Golf Course; participate in the Squadron Golf Tourneys; Family Night at the NCO Club

Friday: Information, Tickets and Travel ATWIND Day; Bowling Center's ATWIND Day; Squadron Bowling Event Day; eat lunch at the NCO Club; Manatee Cove Golf ATWIND Event Day; Skills Center's ATWIND Day

Saturday: Manatee Cove Golf Course ATWIND Day; Youth Bowling; Airman's Bowling Night Out
There are more than 100 activities that can garner people ATWIND game pieces. A complete listing of the master list of activities are on the web at: <http://www.atwind.com/howtoplay.asp>.

ATWIND back in full swing

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ATWIND players are getting ready to go "wheels up" in the annual Services promotion that takes people virtually around the world as they visit the squadron's facilities for real.

ATWIND stands for Around the World In Ninety Days and runs through Aug. 31.

Participation is as simple as checking out a book or visiting the Fitness Center, two of the nearly 100 activities people can do to collect game pieces. Besides the myriad of Services activities, many free, people can win a game piece by attending a chapel dinner or a relocation assistance workshop at the Family Support Center.

The first time people play is the most difficult. It takes about three minutes to get registered on the ATWIND Web site. Then, once they're registered, it will take them about 20 seconds to login in the future, depending upon how long it takes someone to type 10 characters.

Once they're logged in, they key in the number for their game piece and then press a button. Players are told if they've won one of the 11,000 automatic prizes being awarded, or if

they merely received entries in one of the grand prize drawings.

There's an improvement this year. "We're giving away \$1,000 in June and round-trip tickets in July so there's even more opportunities to win early on," said Marla Holbert, 45th SVS Marketing and Publicity office.

If members don't have a computer, they can either use the computers at the base library (on Thursdays they'll receive a game piece) or they can call 1-888-597-9960 and register their numbers via phone.

The grand prize drawings consist of trips to Vail, Colo., along with cash. Which trip you win or amount of cash is determined by how far players get on the around the world virtual map.

For example, if a player gets to Destination 1, they can win a Vail trip for two along with \$250 of spending money. Each destination's prizes increase all the way to Destination 5, which has a Vail trip for four with \$5,000 of spending money.

These aren't the only prizes. There are more than 10,000 other prizes like T-shirts, \$5, \$10 and \$20 Services Certificates, \$100, \$500 and \$1000 Cash Awards.

The program does increase Services customers. "Last year, our busiest day in the summer usually was the day that we gave ATWIND game pieces," said Marta Demopoulos, base librarian.

Customers are looking forward to it as again. "We all loved playing ATWIND last year. In fact, a lot of times, before we'd go to lunch we'd try and find out who was giving out game pieces that day and we'd go there," said Sandy Smith, 45th Space Wing chief of Protocol.

"I know we're all looking forward to playing again this year!"

Not only are individuals looking forward to playing, but bases in AFSPC are competing as well.

Bases have established goals. Every base that meets its goal receives \$5,000; then the base that exceeds its goal by the most wins \$25,000, second receives \$10,000 and third \$5,000.

Lt. Col. Jack Sproul, 45th SVS commander, said there was another major difference in this year and last year.

"Last year, due to our participation level, we finished third," Lt. Col. Sproul said. "This year, we're going to finish first."

Safety first: Motorcyclists, children must wear proper gear



By Bill James
45TH SW GROUND SAFETY

In recent weeks, 45th Space Wing Safety officials have issued and publicized the requirements for wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment while operating and riding motorcycles, bicycles, skateboards, in-line skates and motor scooters.

These safety items provide protection from serious injury or death, but wing officials are still seeing personnel on motorcycles and children in base housing failing to use the PPE.

Motorcycle operators/riders must comply with the following:

- ☛ Military members on- or off-duty, on or off

the installation and anyone (DoD, contractors, retirees and family members) who operates a motorcycle on the installation must be in compliance.

They must wear:

- ☛ Helmet: Must meet Department of Transportation or Snell Foundation standards.
- ☛ Full face shield or impact resistant goggles. If face shield is not worn, no other type of eyewear, such as sunglasses and prescription glasses, is authorized except for the impact resistant goggles.
- ☛ Brightly-colored outer upper garment during daylight hours and reflective during the night. Examples include bright red, green, orange and yellow. A reflective belt is not an outer upper garment. The best way to satisfy the above requirement is to wear a safety vest with reflective material.
- ☛ Long sleeve shirt or jacket and full-length trousers.
- ☛ Sturdy footwear. Leather boots or over-the-ankle footwear is recommended.
- ☛ Full-fingered motorcycle gloves or mittens.

Consequences of not wearing appropriate PPE:

- ☛ Military personnel will be issued a citation and required to park the motorcycle until the appropriate PPE is acquired. Line-of-duty determination may be invoked if injured.
- ☛ All others entering the installation will be refused entry.
- ☛ Those riding on an installation will be issued a citation and escorted off the installation.

Parents are ultimately responsible for ensuring their children have and wear the appropriate PPE for bicycles, in-line skates, motor scooters and skateboards.

Children don't always make the right decisions and parents need to be their guardian angel and protect them from unnecessary injuries.

Each resident in base housing recently received a letter from Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, that listed the required PPE for these activities.

For more information on required equipment, call Wing Safety at 494-2202.



Wing establishes new smoking policy

By Jo Hamsher
45TH MEDICAL GROUP

The 45th Space Wing has created a new policy for tobacco users.

Smokers should pay close attention to the newly-designated tobacco use areas on base and obey the rules of the areas.

The new base policy for designated locations ensures adequate areas are available, while minimizing exposure to hazardous secondhand smoke. The new policy establishes that smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco products in all facilities located within the confines of 45th Space Wing property, except dormitories and military family housing, is prohibited.

This policy also applies to any government-leased facility as well as government furnished or contractor occupied facilities.

▮ In dormitories, non-tobacco users will not be required to share a room with a tobacco user.

▮ Tobacco use is prohibited in all common-use areas. There is no smoking around main entrances, common areas such as the Commissary and Base Exchange.

▮ Tobacco use is prohibited within 50 feet of youth recreational areas (such as playgrounds) and all athletic fields, including spectator seating areas, concession stands and restrooms.

▮ Use of tobacco products in any government-owned or -leased vehicle is strictly prohibited at all times.

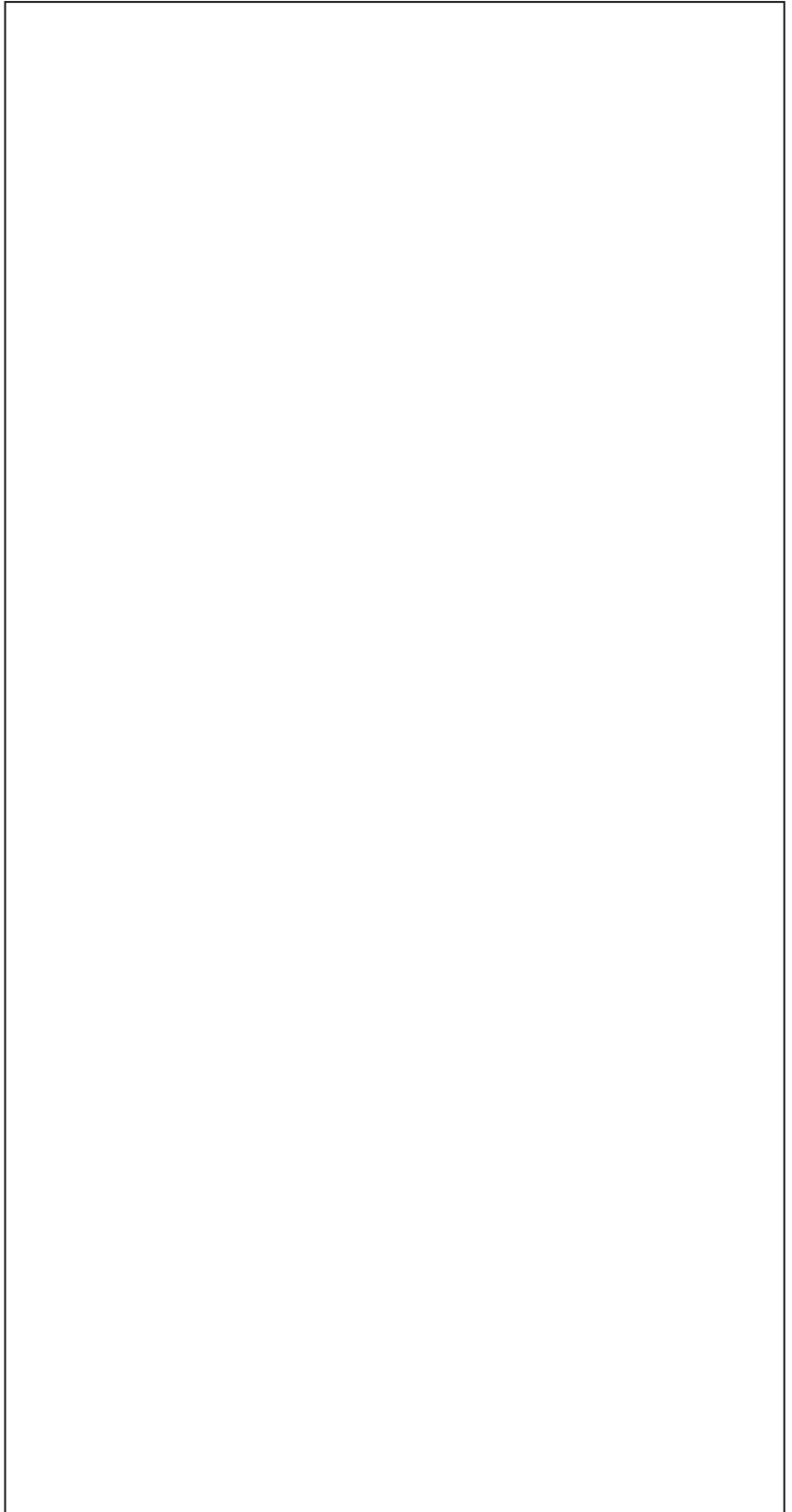
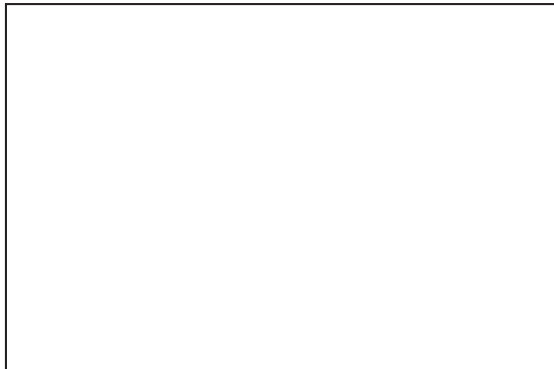
▮ Personnel in uniform will only use tobacco (including smokeless tobacco) in areas designated for tobacco use.

The newly-designated tobacco use areas were studied closely by the Health and Wellness Center, Civil Engineering and Civilian Personnel. A map was created to establish the new areas, and these new areas should be in place in about a month.

This new policy reduces the number of tobacco use areas by 23 percent, and mirrors the new Air Force Space Command tobacco policy supplement.

Extinguish smoking materials before leaving vehicles. This helps keep the base looking clean, while reducing exposure to harmful secondhand smoke.

Tobacco use and secondhand smoke cause more than 440,000 deaths in America each year. Those interested in quitting the tobacco habit should call the HAWC at 494-2660.





Bible singers

Youngsters sing some of the songs they learned at Vacation Bible School Friday. Nearly 100 children attended the week-long event held at the South Patrick Chapel. *(Photo by Jim Laviska)*

Officer/enlisted call mandatory

There will be a mandatory officer and enlisted call June 20, 3:30 p.m. at the base theater. Civilians in the grade of GS-14 and 15 are encouraged to attend.

Junior enlisted picnic on tap

Enjoy free food, fun and music poolside at the NCO Club today at 11 a.m. The picnic is open to all E-1 - E-6. Supervisors will serve lunch and drinks. Call 476-2663 for more information.

Calling all civilians

Civilian call at Patrick AFB is Wed., 8 a.m. at the base theater. Civilian call at Cape Canaveral AFS is Thurs., 11 a.m. at Hanger F. All civilians are encouraged to attend.

Promise Keepers meet

The men of the chapel will attend a Promise Keepers Conference in Orlando, June 27-28. Registration is \$79 for men and \$59 for young men ages 18 and under. The Chapel will pay half of the amount. Registration is limited and the deadline is Monday. For more information, call Chaplain David Zavala at 494-4073.

Learn something new

Call the Family Support Center at 494-5675 for these classes: Employment Orientation, Tues. 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Newcomers Orientation at the NCO Club, Tues. 7:30-11:30 a.m.; TAP 3-Day Workshop, Tues. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Information Fair at the BX, Wed. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Deployment Spouses, Thurs. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bonus roster available

The new Selective Reenlistment Bonus Roster is effective July 4. Some Air Force specialty codes went up while others went down and/or removed. Call Staff Sgt. Cynthia Birriel at 494-7446 for more information.

TREA meets

The Retired Enlisted Association Freedom Chapter 117 meets Thurs. (third Thursday of each month) at 2 p.m., at the Brevard Veteran's Memorial Center, 400 Sykes Creek Blvd., Merritt Island, Fla. (behind Merritt Square Mall). Call Maynard Robinson at 750-1081 for further information.

Learn more about benefits

Patrick's Civilian Personnel Flight sponsors a health benefits service day for all federal employees June 24 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 536, second floor. Representatives of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Government Employees Hospital Association and Mail Handlers Benefits Plan will meet individual-

ly with eligible civilian workers. All contacts will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 494-8398.

Boating safety class

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 42 offers a one-day boating safety course June 28, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. at NCO Club at Patrick AFB. Cost is \$40 per person and includes all materials. Call Bill Miller at 779-1459 or Jim McGuinness at 254-0540 for details.

Wives club meets

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

Boating safety offered

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 46 offers a one-day boating safety program from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., June 21 at Lee Wenner Park in Cocoa. The cost is \$35 per person and includes all materials and lunch. It covers state and federal boating regulations, navigation aids and much more.

The course is National Association of Safe Boating Law Administration approved. Call 453-7409 or e-mail ghill5@cfl.rr.com for more information.

CCAF changes

Effective July 1, the Community College of the Air Force will only accept civilian transcripts directly from civilian institutions. Education offices will no longer submit transcripts to CCAF. Submit transcripts to: CCAF/RRA, Simler Hall Ste 128, 120 West Maxwell Blvd., Maxwell AFB AL 36112-6613. Call Mary Morgan at 494-2938 for more details.

Take a class

Call the Family Advocacy Program at 494-8171 to sign up for these classes: Temperament-The Driving Force Behind a Child's Behavior: July 1, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Stress Management: July 3, 8:30-10 a.m. Both will be held in the Family Advocacy Classroom, Bldg. 1370, east of clinic.

Get a physical

Parents should avoid the rush to get their child's school and sports physical. Call the 45th Medical Group appointment line at 494-8241, Mon. - Fri. from 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. to schedule an appointment.

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

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



South Housing gets a facelift

Monday, officials at the 45th Space Wing announced plans to privatize family housing at Patrick Air Force Base with the development of new military homes in South Housing called the Pelican Coast, a new 300-acre, off-base master-planned community.

Patrick Family Housing LLC, comprised of CEI Development Corp. and Shaw Infrastructure Inc., was awarded a \$150 million development contract, as well as a 50-year maintenance agreement, under the 1996 National Defense Authorization Act. Although other military bases have embarked on housing privatization, this is the first known master-planned community with deeded land for both military families and private citizens alike.

The planned community is expected to be complete within four years and offers 552 new, Energy Star-rated homes exclusively to Air Force families.

These homes, which will take the place of Patrick AFB's current military family housing, will offer larger living spaces, a minimum of three bedrooms, enclosed garages, ample storage and luxury-type amenities. In addition, the community, located within footsteps of Florida's Satellite Beach, will feature 419 single-family homes and 400 multi-family units to be offered for sale and for lease to private citizens.

"The men and women of our nation's armed forces protect our country and global freedom, and it is our great honor to develop this premier community for these families," said Joseph Carabetta, founder and principal of CEI Development.

"It is our vision that all military families should have quality housing available to them that rivals that which is available in the private sector. The Pelican Coast will be such a community, providing not only a safe comfortable living environment, but also quality of life amenities such as playgrounds, swimming pools and other recreational facilities typically associated with private-sector, master planned luxury communities."

Under the contract with Patrick Family Housing, Meriden, Conn.-based CEI Development will provide overall program management, development and property management services, and Shaw Infrastructure Inc., a subsidiary of Baton Rouge, La.-based The Shaw Group, will serve as the construction manager. "The company was selected for this project

based on its experience, commitment to the Department of Defense's vision for quality housing and lifestyle for its service men and women, its record of excellent work and customer satisfaction, and superior proposal for the Pelican Coast community," said Lt. Col. Chris Hazen, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

Brig. Gen. J. Gregory Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, also commented on the new development project. "What a great day this is for the 45th Space Wing. It is an exciting time for us, especially knowing we will be improving the quality of life for our men and women in uniform," said Brig. Gen. Pavlovich. "We are looking forward to a long, successful relationship with the developer as we privatize Patrick's South Housing area.

"The goal for the 45th Space Wing is to make this process as seamless as possible for our military families. We have a motto - our mission statement - that says, 'Outstanding is just the START' and this is another example of a great start to an outstanding new project."

As part of its commitment to Patrick AFB, Patrick Family Housing will provide comprehensive resident care services to Air Force Families living in the Pelican Coast, a service that is increasingly important during deployments. The maintenance-free lifestyle afforded these families by Patrick Family Housing, includes home exterior and grounds maintenance, as well as ongoing community maintenance.

According to Kathryn Thompson, who will serve as the development's program manager, Patrick Family Housing will work to provide a top-notch lifestyle for the Air Force families of the Pelican Coast and will continually reinvest in the community to preserve the neighborhood and the homes for future generations of Patrick AFB families.

"Our vision is to provide premier homes in a master-planned and managed community that supports and nurtures military families," said Ms. Thompson.

"We are dedicated to an enduring relationship with the U.S. Air Force and will ensure, through our commitment to quality and service, that the thrill of moving into one of our new homes today will still exist in 50 years. But most importantly, we will strive to help these families build fond memories of the Florida Coast that will last a lifetime."



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Privatization Q & A's

Why is Patrick AFB privatizing family housing?

Patrick AFB and the Department of Defense place the highest priority on the quality of military housing and views it as an important component of military readiness and a critical factor in its ability to retain the best personnel for its all-volunteer military force.

In 1996, the Military Housing Privatization Initiative was enacted as part of the 1996 Department Authorization Act to address two problems concerning housing for military service members and their families: the poor condition of DoD-owned housing and a shortage of affordable private housing of adequate quality. Under the MHPI, authorities can work with the private sector to revitalize our military family housing.

Will the military family housing be separated from the private-citizen housing?

The Pelican Coast is a full-integrated master-planned community. While the military family housing will be contained within a single neighborhood within the greater community, Patrick Drive will provide physical separation.

Should a future security challenge make it necessary to provide a physical separation for the military family housing, a gate similar to that installed at gated communities across the country can be easily retrofitted into the neighborhood entrance. If deemed appropriate, armed military personnel could then guard that gate.

Is this a new trend within the government to meld the military and private sector?

DoD has a long-standing policy of relying on the private sector for its housing by paying housing allowances to its service members. DoD is now moving to 100 percent privatization of military family housing.

When will the project be completed?

The Pelican Coast is expected to be completed within four years. Following the completion of 10 model homes for Air Force approval, phased demolition of existing housing is expected to begin in November 2003. The first 48 homes are scheduled for completion and occupancy in November 2004.

How will it be determined which family gets which house?

The assignment of individual house designs will be determined by rank. The Patrick AFB Housing Office will maintain a waiting list for families interested in moving into one of the new military family homes in the Pelican Coast community.

Military families who choose to stay in current Patrick AFB family housing until the Pelican Coast homes are available for move-in will have first right of refusal on the new homes.



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 on global at Commander'sline@patrick.af.mil; 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.



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Softball tournament held

A softball tournament will be held at the South Housing Sports Complex July 4-6. Exact dates will depend on number of teams.

Entry fee is \$150 and needs to be turned in by June 26. Plaques will be given for first-, second- and third-place along with T-shirts for first and second.

For more information, call Ralph Robinson at 494-4947.

Become a super star

Sign up to be a Cape Super Star. Fitness Center patrons can compete as teams or individually.

The competition open to men, women and co-ed teams consists of shooting basketballs for points from six designated areas on the court, a 12-mile bike ride, a 3.2-mile run and a power clean lift in the weight room. Call Chez Sanchez at 853-3966 to register or for more information.

Soccer coaches needed

Youth Programs need volunteer adult soccer coaches for ages 4-11. First-time coaches in the program are required to fill out an application at the Youth Center and attend mandatory training

before practices begin.

Coaches who complete an application, attend training and are interested in coaching are encouraged to contact the Youth Center. Call 494-3770 for more details.

Dads learn boating

Outdoor Recreation salutes dads by offering free boating classes on Tuesdays in June. This class is required to rent the new pontoon boats at Outdoor Recreation. Each class starts at 9:30 a.m. and fills up fast, so call 494-2042 to register.

Hook a fish

Outdoor Recreation offers a Surf Fishing Clinic Fri. and Sat. in June at \$20 per person. Learn how to surf fish and also how tides, barometers and wind direction play a part in ocean fishing. Call 494-2042 to register.

Soccer challenge

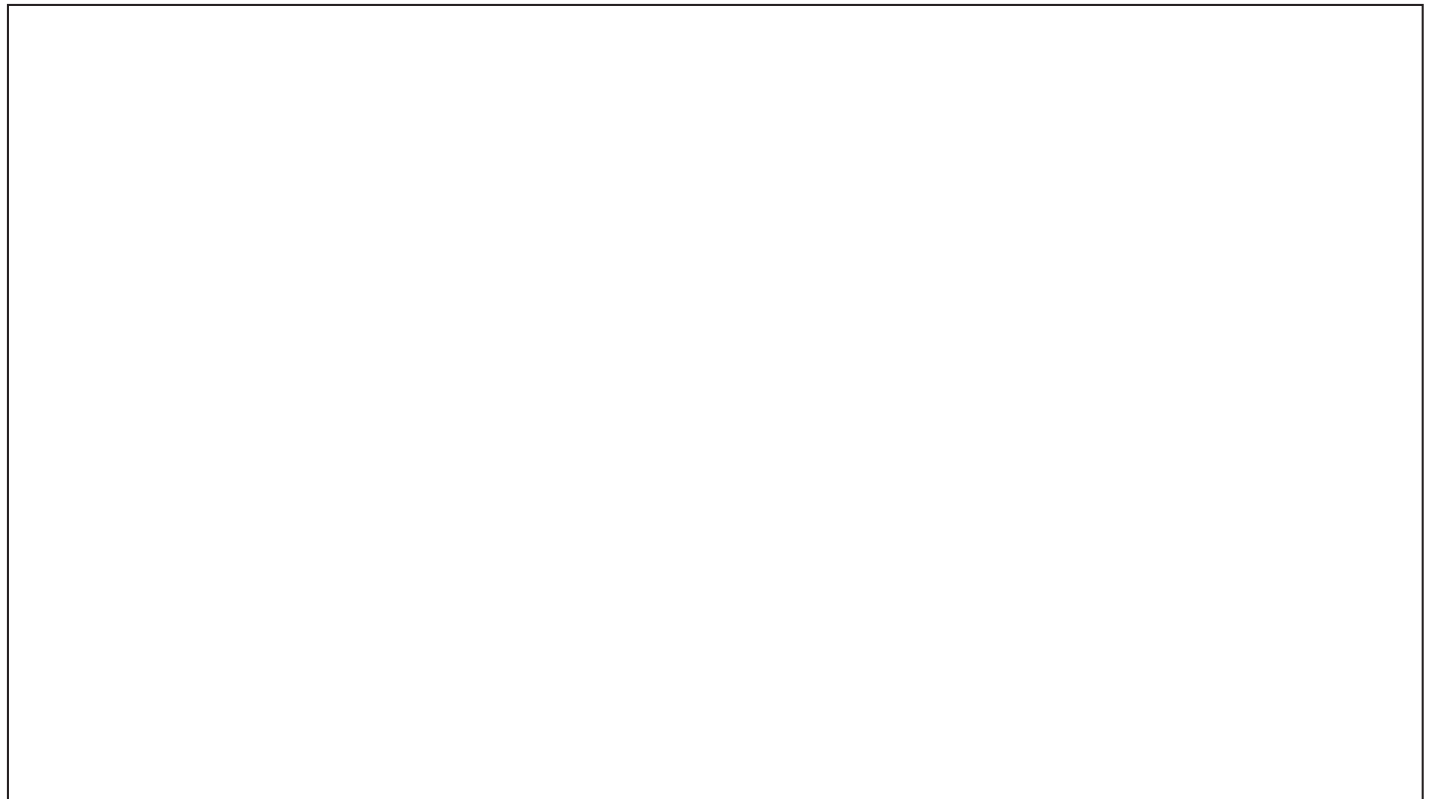
The best soccer players from Cape Canaveral AFS will battle Patrick AFB's best at 8 a.m., July 21 at the South Housing Sports Complex.

For more information, call Rafael Sanchez at 853-3966.



Breath taking

William Bouyoucas, an Army member assigned here, practices his breast stroke at the base lap pool, behind the Fitness Center, during his lunch hour Wednesday. The pool is open weekdays, weather permitting 5:30 a.m. -1 p.m., then 2-- 6:30 p.m. during the summer. (Photo by Jim Laviska)





Walking out of the Fitness Center with a towel is an easy thing to do, but costly. The staff budgets \$20,000 per year for towels. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Langton)

Case of missing towels

By Staff Sgt. Joel Langton
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Call Agatha Christie, Dave Robicheaux and Sherlock Holmes, some of the world's great sleuths, the Fitness Center has a bona fide mystery on its hands.

There's not a murder to solve, but there's \$1,000 worth of missing towels. "We just ordered 800 towels which cost about \$3,500 and they came in May 1," said Ralph Robinson, intramural director. "We're already down 200 towels in a month, so by the end of the summer, at this rate, we're going to be out of towels."

"It's a real mystery to us," said Robinson. "We don't know where they're all going, but we've got our suspicions."

Their suspicion is that some of the 1,000 daily Fitness Center users grab a towel, change and then inadvertently throw the towel in their gym bag and head home.

Two hundred missing towels out of about 30,000 uses per month show that the integrity factor among the majority of the users is high. However, it still has a high impact.

At this pace, it will cost the Fitness Center at least \$12,000 to dry everyone off, even more if looking at the overall costs.

It will also impact labor costs because instead of working the counter or helping customers in other ways, Fitness Center employees will be washing towels versus doing their job, Robinson said. This is because if the supply of towels runs too low, they'll have to keep them in the Fitness Center versus letting them out to be cleaned. Plus, the contract already opened for having the towels washed will go unused.

Many people see the solution as to just quit providing towels. According to Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th SW commander, he may implement a no-towel policy if this trend isn't reversed.

"If people would just drop their towel in the holder this could be reflected in more equipment, more services, a lot of things. We could buy four cross-trainers for \$3,000 apiece," said Robinson.

"Our mission is to provide people many services but providing people towels to wash their car isn't one of them," said Luis Saez, fitness center director.

There's a simple solution to the problem, Saez and Robinson said. "We know people forget sometimes and walkout," Robinson said.

"However, when they come back, just bring the towel back. They don't even have to wash it."

Register for soccer

Youth Programs is accepting registration for their Fall Recreational Soccer Program from July 1 through Aug. 1 at the Youth Center. Stop by Mon. through Fri. between 9 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.

Registration is open to family members ages 4-11 of active duty, retired military, NAF employees and DoD personnel and contractors. Children must be age 4 by Sept. 1 and not turn 12 year old by Aug. 1 to be eligible to participate.

The cost for ages 4-5 is \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. The cost for ages 6-11 is \$45 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. Parents of children 6-11 are required to submit a copy of their child's birth certificate at registration.

Practices begin the week of Aug. 11 and the first games are scheduled for Sept. 6. For additional information, call 494-3770.

Returning home care

Active duty service members returning from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom are eligible to use 16 hours of free care for each child through the Family Child Care Office. This program is not affiliated with the Child Development Center.

Childcare arrangements require 48 hours advance notice. The Family Child Care Administrative Office is open Mon. - Fri., 8:30 — 11 a.m.; Wed., 9:30 a.m. — noon and Tues. and Thurs., 2-5 p.m. On the third Wed. and Fri. of

the month, hours are adjusted to support Commander's Call and training day. For more information, call Tina Washington at 494-8381.

Youth sponsors camp

Youth Programs offers a Major League Soccer Camp July 28 — Aug. 1. Registration is open to family members ages 4-11 of active duty, retired military, NAF employees and DoD personnel and contractors.

Registration fee is \$50 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. There are 55 slots available on a first come, first serve basis.

The camp will meet daily at Adam's Field, located adjacent to the youth center. Youth ages four to seven gather from 9-10:30 a.m. followed by youth ages 8 to 11 meeting from 11a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Call 494-3770 for more information.

Childcare available

Childcare for children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade is available at the Patrick Youth Center. Contact the Youth Center for availability of care.

Family members of active-duty military, DoD and NAF employees, and DoD contractors are eligible for this childcare service.

Weekly fees are based on annual household income. Documentation of income, such as a current LES, and the child's immunization record are required at the time of registration along with the first weeks' fee.

For more information, contact the Youth

Center at 494-4747.

Kids learn summer crafts

The Skills Center offers craft gatherings for children 4-8 years old beginning in June. Sessions will last no longer than one hour.

Call the Skills Center at 494-4270 to find out what is offered throughout the summer and the dates.

Solve the mystery

"Murder at the Rutherford House" is a life-sized game of "Clue" presented at the NCO Club June 26. Seating starts at 7 p.m. and the buffet begins at 7:30 p.m.

The audience is a part of the show as they try to solve the mystery while enjoying a prime rib buffet for \$17.95 per person. Club members can use their "Members-First" discount of \$2, with a club card. Reservations are required for this evening.

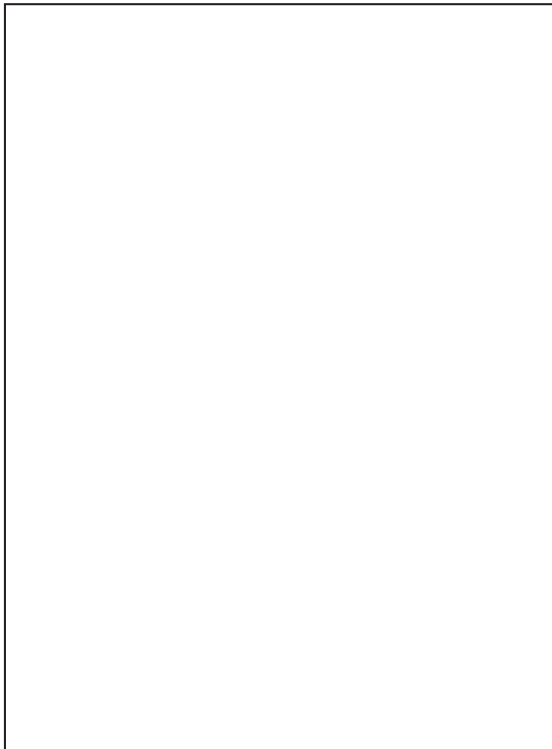
Call 494-7491 to make reservations.

Summer reading off to good start

"Take Flight" and read with the Patrick Base Library Summer Reading Program participants. Each Saturday (except July 5) flight cadets will gather at the base library at 10:30 a.m. for a morning of crafts, snacks and more.

This activity is designed for elementary-aged children who are authorized to use the base library. The program runs through July 19.

Call the library at 494-6881 for more information.





Friday *The Lizzie McGuire Movie* - Lizzie McGuire is mistaken for an Italian pop star. Stars Hilary Duff and Adam Lamberglia (PG for mild thematic elements.)

Saturday *It Runs In The Family* - This movie stars Michael and Kirk Douglas for the only time in their careers. Alex Gromberg is a man caught in the middle. Trying to avoid the mistakes his father made while coming to terms with the ones he's already passed on to his sons, Alex is navigating the roles of father, son and husband. Stars Michael and Kirk Douglas. (PG-13 for adult situations and language.)

Sunday - *It Runs In the Family* - See Saturday's synopsis.



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
 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Seaside Chapel.

Protestant

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

Riverside Dining Facility Menu

Saturday brunch - Cajun meat loaf, #crispy-baked chicken, ribeye steak

Saturday supper - #Fish amandine, pork chops with mushroom gravy, stir-fry chicken with broccoli

Sunday brunch - Chicken parmesan, sauerbraten, tuna and noodles

Sunday supper - Fried shrimp, #ginger barbecue chicken, #spinach lasagna

Monday lunch - #Baked chicken, simmered knockwurst, Swiss steak with tomato sauce

Monday dinner - Roast turkey, baked ham, fish and fries

Tuesday lunch - Grilled Salisbury steak, onion lemon-baked fish, yakisoba

Tuesday dinner - Barbecue beef cubes, #paprika beef, pork chop suey

Wednesday lunch - Chalupa, burritos, #Mexican chicken, chicken enchiladas, cheese enchiladas

Wednesday dinner - Country-style steak, fried chicken, #pita pizzas

Thursday lunch - Glazed pork chops, #herbed baked chicken, Mongolian barbecue

Thursday dinner - Pepper steak, #Mr. Z's finger lickin' chicken, ginger pot roast

June 20 lunch - Beef and corn pie, pea and pepper rice, #seafood Newburg, veal paprika steak

June 20 dinner - Yankee pot roast, #simmered corn beef, pineapple chicken

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

