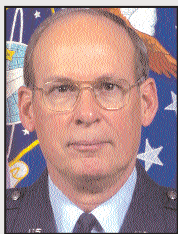


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## Wing minimizes impact of force structure cuts

By Ken Warren  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 45th Space Wing will lose a net total of 59 positions starting in FY 2004 due to force structure changes announced by the Air Force Wednesday.

According to the announcement, the 45th SW will lose 28 military positions and two civilian authorizations from its 3rd Space Launch Squadron at Cape Canaveral AFS. These changes are a result of the implementation of the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program. In addition, the wing will lose another 31 civilian slots from other units. Other minor actions result in an increase of two civilian positions.

"In terms of the civilian cuts, we knew this was coming and took steps earlier this year such as restricting hiring into targeted slots. Because we leaned forward on this, the number of actual people sitting in affected civilian authorizations for the 45th Space Wing is less than 20. We're hoping attrition, voluntary retirements and voluntary separations and job transfers help us meet the required baseline," said Col. Everett Thomas, 45th SW vice commander.

"It is never easy to adjust our workforce because of the potential impact on people's lives, but the Air Force has to invest FY 04 dollars in the most efficient and effective manner to sustain our forces and enhance our capabilities for tomorrow," said Col. Thomas. "These changes have to be made in order to bring our manpower books in line with our budget and will result in a more ready and capable Air Force."

Air Force wide, the FY 04 force structure changes result in a decrease of 5,223 military and civilian authorizations (2,261 military and 2,962 civilian authorizations). The scheduled 45th Space Wing reductions represent about 1 percent of that total.

"While the overall figure might not seem like a big number, it's huge if you're affected. Our goal is to—where possible—minimize the impact on our people," said Thomas.

Those whose positions have been identified for realignment should have already been notified. They'll be eligible to take full advantage of the wide array of personnel programs including career job reservation and retraining opportunities for military members and priority placement, voluntary early retirement and voluntary separation incentives for civilians.



## Go for Rainbow

The 45th Space Wing and Detachment 8 helped launch a Lockheed Martin Atlas V rocket carrying the Rainbow 1 satellite into orbit July 17. Rainbow 1 will bring direct-to-home broadcast services to the contiguous U.S. The third Atlas V launch from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station had two solid rocket motors and a larger fairing. (Photo courtesy of International Launch Services)

*Outstanding is just the START!*



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich  
45TH SW COMMANDER

HAYWARD, Wis. - This week I am on leave in my native state of Wisconsin. I find that kicking back with family and friends in your old stomping grounds helps rejuvenate the spirit. It is very therapeutic and helps you keep in touch with what's really important.

And if I can afford to take some time off, you can too. Look at it as an investment in your family and your own health and wellness. I encourage you to take time off, get out of the office and spend quality time with your loved ones - especially if you have use or lose leave. There is no valid reason for losing leave. Losing leave doesn't prove you are dedicated, it proves you did not plan wisely. Take it. You earned it!

The 45th Services Squadron is home to lots of people who have earned the right to take some days off. They recently received the Eubank Award, which honors the best small Services Squadron in Air Force Space Command. From top to bottom, they demonstrate every day that they're the best. Now they have the hardware to prove it. Well done!

One of the many programs Services manages is the ongoing ATWIND promotion. ATWIND is a command-sponsored initiative that uses a computerized game to help market and build participation at Services activities. By participating, not only do you help our wing compete for thousands of dollars in quality of life funds, you also become eligible to win prizes.

Just recently, three lucky people from Patrick won cash prizes, including one for \$1,000. Next month, there will be two \$500 winners as well. You could buy a lot of Wisconsin cheese or a ticket to a Packers game with that.

But seriously, "thank you" to the 60 percent of our folks who have participated in ATWIND so far ... but, we need more! I highly encourage those of you who have not participated to do so. Like Guardian Challenge, this is a competition between Space Command bases. The three bases with the highest percentage of participants win money for quality of life projects.

Last year, we came in third and used the money to buy new picnic tables for Chevron Park and our beachside recreation areas. We are running a bit behind last year's pace. Let's buckle down and pick it up. Get those competitive juices flowing and make sure your spouses and family members play too. For more information, call Chuck Nolan at 494-8063.

The NCO Club Advisory Committee needs active-duty NCOs and airmen. Right now, it is composed primarily of retirees. Being a member of this committee is the best way to have input into what is offered at the club. Instead of complaining that there is nothing there for the younger set, why not volunteer and be part of the solution? It is your club. We need your help to continue making it a place where you and your families can go to relax, have fun and get to know your contemporaries. Call Sue Barnhardt, the NCO Club manager, at 494-7491 if you are interested.

I might be the only guy in Wisconsin tracking storms in the Caribbean. I get antsy every time I see systems developing down there that could threaten our bases on the Space Coast and our station at Antigua, as well. In fact, early in the week Antigua Air Station went to Hurricane Condition III due to concerns about an approaching tropical depression. Fortunately, the storm veered away and didn't do any damage. But as a precautionary measure, we implemented our checklists for HURCON III and made sure our people and resources there were safe and secure. What I am getting to is this: Hurricane season lasts until November. Now is the time to get familiar with everything you would need to do in case a major storm or hurricane comes our way. The time to review HURCON checklists isn't when the winds start snapping palm trees like rubber bands or when massive waves are surging westward beyond A1A.

Speaking of Mother Nature, I understand she put on quite a lightning display in Brevard County last Saturday. I am told there were a mind-boggling 13,000 lightning strikes there. Fortunately, there were no reported injuries. However, an airfield surveillance camera at Patrick was struck. I will take that over a human casualty any day. Given the huge number of strikes and no mishaps involving people, it is apparent that you kept safety first and acted wisely. As a reminder, here are a few

lightning safety pointers if you are outside when a thunderstorm approaches:

- \* If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be hit by lightning. Suspend all outdoor activities. If possible, find shelter in a building or in a fully enclosed vehicle such as a metal car or van with the windows completely shut. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder before leaving shelter.

- \* In an open area with no protection, make yourself small by kneeling and reduce contact with the ground. Avoid wire fences, pipes, rails or anything that might conduct electricity. Also avoid tall trees, flagpoles or other tall objects.

- \* Split large groups into small groups. Avoid huddling together.

Remember, no place outside is safe during a thunderstorm and that lightning is the number one weather killer in Florida. Take it seriously. Get inside ASAP!

While major combat operations in Iraq are over, hostilities and deployments continue. Thirteen members of our Security Forces Squadron shipped out for the desert Tuesday. Nineteen airmen from the 920th Rescue Wing are scheduled to leave tomorrow. With the guerilla-style attacks being carried out against our troops now, the danger quotient is extremely high - maybe higher than ever. Please say a prayer for our deployed forces and their families.

Yesterday was "Bring Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day" at Patrick, the Cape and Kennedy Space Center. Dozens of you brought your kids to work and showed them our facilities and what you do. I am certain their youthful exuberance energized our workplaces with some fresh new perspectives. Hopefully, they gained some insights that made them proud of their moms or dads, as well as our mission. Who knows, perhaps this will inspire some of them to follow in our footsteps and serve our great nation themselves someday.

I'm sure many of us dreamed of being part of America's space program when we were kids. Now, many of us are living our dreams. Our next mission is scheduled for Aug. 3 when we will launch a Defense Satellite Communications System spacecraft on a Delta IV. Please continue supporting Boeing, our Cape Consolidated Task Force, our 45th Range Squadron and the other key players involved in this mission.

Keep up the great work. See you soon and may God bless!



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The 2003 promotion board selected 2, 215 at a board May 5 for promotion to the rank of major.

The entire list is posted at 3 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) Friday on the Air Force Personnel Center home page at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil).

Eighteen are from the 45th Space Wing and its mission partners.

# New era begins for space professional development

By Gen. Lance Lord  
COMMANDER, AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

PETERSON AFB, Colo. - The magnitude and swiftness of our military victories in Afghanistan and Iraq was not possible without you, the world's greatest space and missile team.

While you left no doubt about our dominance in space and your contribution to joint operations, some improvements are still needed for developing our future space leaders.

In 2001, the Space Commission concluded the Department of Defense had not fully developed a space cadre to meet our nation's needs, and they called for broad initiatives to promote "a stronger space culture through focused education, training and experience."

In the wake of these findings, the Secretary of Defense charged each military service to produce a formal plan to develop and track their space population. Air Force Space Command subsequently stood up a task force in August 2002 to build a plan on behalf of the Air Force.

I'm pleased to announce we now have an approved Air Force Space Professional Strategy that lays out a comprehensive roadmap for implementing key career development initiatives and a path for growing our future space leaders.

It's important to understand this program will be fully synchronized with the Air Force's new Force Development initiative.

That means we'll be developing better Air Force leaders while we're also building better space professionals.

If you haven't already done so, I urge each of you to obtain a copy of the strategy and review our new approach. This nine-page document can be downloaded from our Web page at <https://halfway.peterson.af.mil/spacepro> or from the "Space Professional" link on the Air Force Space Command homepage.

The secret to success requires a balanced combination of education, training and experience and we will soon be unveiling new initiatives in each of these areas. This does not mean every space professional will follow the same career path or pursue the same educational opportunities. On the contrary, our goal is to provide the right development at the right time for each individual. Rest assured

there will be many pathways to success under this new construct.

At this point you might be asking who exactly is a space professional? This was the first and most fundamental question tackled by the task force.

Simply stated, the space population includes all specialties required to take space systems from concept to employment.

Additionally, this team draws from the total force concept which is comprised of officer, enlisted, civilian, Guard and Reserve personnel.

After considerable analysis, the core space population was determined to include three disciplines - missile operations, space operations and space systems acquisition (engineers, scientists, and acquirers). These professionals not only serve in Air Force Space



Command, but throughout the entire Air Force and National Reconnaissance Office, as well as other government agencies and sister services.

Additionally, a large number of mission support specialists also provide vital space expertise in the fields of intelligence, communications, weather, sustainment, and maintenance.

While these individuals will continue to be managed by their core functional managers, they will also be trained and tracked as space professionals whenever they serve in space-related assignments.

What comes next?

Now that we have an approved strategy in hand, we are quickly moving into the next phase of implementation. New training and education initiatives are already in the works, along with a robust process for tracking, certifying and documenting each individual's career development.

With all these moving parts, my first priority is to keep you well informed on our progress. To that end I plan to issue a series of informational papers, known as "Vigilant Vectors," on key space professional topics.

In the meantime, I encourage you to explore all aspects of Space Professional Development at the new web site listed above.

This is just the beginning and I'm confident this program will only strengthen the Air Force's reputation for developing the world's best space professionals.

# Airmen may carry over 'use or lose' leave

## Deployed, Air National Guard and Reserve have option to retain up to 90 days on LES

By 1st Lt. Warren Comer  
45SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Active-duty airmen who were unable to take annual leave this past year because they were supporting contingency operations will be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members who performed full-time training or other full-time duty for more than 29 days are also eligible for this special leave accrual.

Those affected can retain up to 90 days of leave until the end of fiscal 2004, according to personnel officials.

"This program is meant to

enable people to take leave they've earned," said Master Sgt. Don Taylor, superintendent, Customer Support Operations at the Air Force Personnel Center.

"In order for the program to work as planned though, those affected need to take not only the leave they are carrying over now, but also the leave they will earn during the next fiscal year or they may lose leave next year."

"If someone has a question whether or not they are eligible to obtain Special Leave Accrual, they should contact the 45th Mission Personnel Flight Customer Service Section," said 2nd Lt. Kim Olmsted, 45th Mission Personnel Flight Customer Service chief.

"Individuals retiring or separating who qualify, SLA can be added on to their terminal leave request prior to their retirement date."

Those who meet the criteria for having excess leave should apply for SLA through their command channels.

For instance, members in the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron and 45th Security Forces Squadron should send their SLA through their commander's support staff, who will forward requests to the 45th Mission Personnel Flight.

It is recommended that service members keep an eye on their leave, especially when they've just returned from an operational deployment.

The deadline for turning in a

SLA request to Air Force Space Command is Nov. 19. SLA will then be reviewed at the command level.

Filing for SLA requires service members to include temporary duty orders that placed them in the eligible locations, a leave and earnings statement that shows the number of lost days, copy of travel voucher from the TDY and letter from unit commander detailing how member used leave during the fiscal year.

"Everyone needs to make sure they request leave before the deadline," said Staff Sgt. Jeanette Myers, 45th Military Personnel Flight Customer Service NCOIC. "All SLA requests should be made after the end of the fiscal year."

Those who think they are going to lose leave should pass the information to their commanders in order to work leave issues before the deadline. (Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs contributed to this article)

**“ This program is meant to enable people to take leave they’ve earned. ”**

Master Sgt. Don Taylor  
AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER





Lt. Col. Judy Young, 45th Medical Group chief nurse, checks Will Davis's blood pressure during a Health Fair at the Fitness and Sports Complex Thursday. (Photo by Jim Laviska)

## Civilian career brief now online

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** – Air Force civilians now have the ability to view their own career information online from any Internet-connected computer.

The virtual Civilian Career Brief offers information that might be helpful in career planning like current position data, pay and benefits, appraisals and education, officials here said.

“The biggest advantage of the virtual career brief is its convenience for the customer,” said David Davenport, chief of the Air Force reengineering and development division, the office responsible for developing the vCCB. They will be able to see their information without having to visit the civilian personnel flight.

In addition to position data, civilians can view information pertaining to:

- ✦ Certifications and language proficiencies
- ✦ Appointments
- ✦ Pay and benefits
- ✦ Overseas history
- ✦ Special placement eligibility

- ✦ Career program registration
- ✦ Current job experience
- ✦ Job history
- ✦ Education level and history
- ✦ Training history
- ✦ Awards received
- ✦ Appraisal summary

People can access the vCCB through the AFPC secure Web site at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/default.asp>. New vCCB users will need to establish an account before using the service. Establishing an account takes only a few minutes, officials said.

Once in the AFPC secure Web, select “Civ Career Brief” from the button menu.

“This new program isn’t eliminating the career brief service from the CPF,” said Mr. Davenport. “Employees can, however, save themselves valuable time over possibly having to wait in line.”

For more information about the vCCB, contact your local CPF.

**Street Talk**  
Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station

## Why do you serve in the Air Force?



*"This is an opportunity to not only serve my country, but to better myself."*

Senior Airman Kevin Mathews  
6 years active duty  
45th Security Forces member



*"We live in the world's greatest country. I serve so my family can continue to be free. It's also my duty because others gave us that freedom."*

Senior Master Sgt. Lucinda Shaw  
22 years Reserve service  
Aerospace ground equipment craftsman  
920th Rescue Wing



*"As a retired military family member, I feel very attached to the military way of life and want to give something back. I love working for the Air Force and I'm proud to serve."*

Bego Denny  
34 years civilian service  
Budget analyst  
Department of Defense Manned Space Flight Support Office



*"To help plan for the success of the American space program... now and in the future. I am very blessed and privileged to have been a part of this team."*

Barry Chefer  
24 years civilian service  
Spaceport planning specialist  
45th SW Plans and Programs



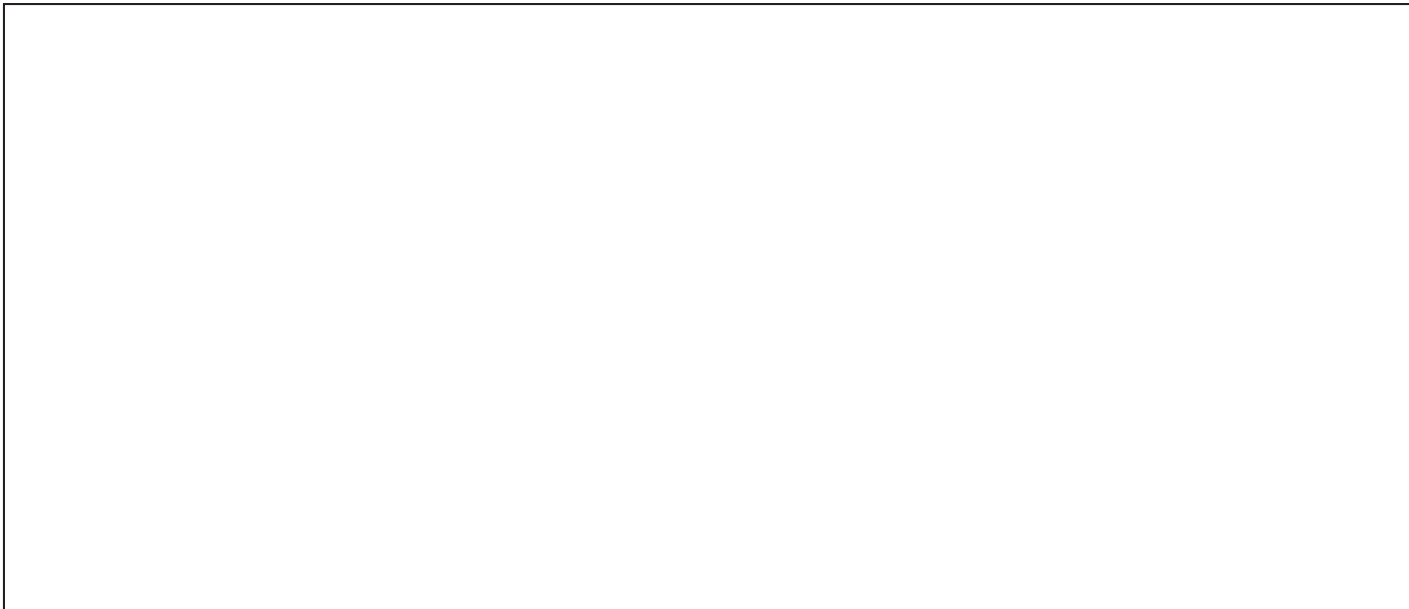
*"I serve because I believe in the objectives of our nation. I serve because I care about the young ones who put themselves in harm's way. I believe it's my duty to serve."*

Col. Everett Thomas  
23 years active duty  
Vice commander  
45th Space Wing



*"I come from a long line of those who've served in the Air Force and I wanted to follow in their footsteps. I also wanted to gain a skill and complete my education."*

Capt. Jim Russell  
17 years of active duty (prior enlisted)  
Deputy chief  
45th SW Protocol



### **Take a class**

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

### **OSI recruits**

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

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, eligible for worldwide duty, healthy and physically fit and be of outstanding character and integrity.

Enlisted should be E-4 and above. All military must possess a superb military record. Civilians must have a bachelor's degree. For more information, call 494-5794.

### **Parking lot resurfaced**

Patrick's Mini Mall and Post Office parking lot is in the process of being resurfaced. The work will be done in three phases so small areas will still be accessible, but there will be limited access and parking during the construction period. Work is estimated to be completed by Nov 1.

### **Take CLEP test**

English CLEP with essay will be given Oct. 10. This will be a last time this test will be given. CLEP will be withdrawing the test after October.

CLEP will become computer-based. Those needing the test for CCAF or one of the local colleges, call the Education Center at 494-2071.

### **Meeting features culture**

Celebrate and learn more about the Native American culture. Meetings are held on Thurs. from 10-11 a.m. in the MPF Inprocessing Room.

For more information, call Wesley Westphal at 494-9386 or 2nd Lt. Bernice Zollner at 494-2894.

### **Join Sergeant's Association**

The Air Force Sergeant's Association Chapter 557 meets the first Wed. of every month at 7 p.m. in the NCO Club. All enlisted personnel are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The next meeting is Aug. 6.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Daniel Oien at 243-8573.

### **Change of command set**

The 2nd Brigade, 87th Division (Training Support) will have a change of command ceremony on Saturday at 9 a.m. in Hangar 750 on Rescue Road at Patrick.

### **CGOA Meeting**

The Company Grade Officers' Association will have a meeting Friday at 4 p.m. at the Officers' Club.

CGOA meets every fourth Friday of the month.

Call 2nd Lt. Erica Wright at 494-6942 for more information.

### **Learn more about a base**

Those who are relocating due to retirement, separation or PCS can learn about the area where they're going by dropping by the Relocation Center, Bldg. 537 at Patrick, or by calling them at 494-2766.



# Joint STARS has it covered



Above, onboard a Joint STARS E-8C aircraft, surveillance officer Tech. Sgt. Mitchell Parker, Detachment, 2, 605th Test Squadron, looks over one of 17 operator consoles during a test flight. (Photo by Capt. Abdiel Peart) Left, a Joint STARS plane zooms over an M60 tank hard target at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, a test range in California. The E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, or Joint STARS, is an airborne battle management and command and control platform that conducts ground surveillance to develop an understanding of the enemy situation and to support attack operations and targeting that contributes to the delay, disruption and destruction of enemy forces. Their functions support the primary mission of Joint STARS – to provide dedicated support of ground and air theater commanders. The first operational use of the Joint STARS was in 1991, during Operation Desert Storm. (Photo by Rich Kerstein)

By Maj. Cindy East  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Some children dream of having super powers, like flying and incredible vision. A few, who grew up and joined the military, can do those things aboard the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft – tested at the Joint Stars Test Force facility co-located with Northrop Grumman at the Melbourne International Airport.

Known as the “Eyes in the Sky,” these aircraft were key to the success of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. “It’s one of the military’s most robust airborne battle management platforms, able to provide real-time information on land movement from safe airspace and relay it to command and control authorities who make rapid target engagement decisions,” said Col. Robert Hood, commander of Joint STARS, a mission partner of the 45th Space Wing.

The test force is comprised of servicemembers from the Air Force and Army, as well as people from the Northrop Grumman and Titan Corporations. They plan and execute the system-level per-

formance testing of Joint STARS, evaluate the results and advance the development and production of Joint STARS aircraft for the Air Force.

“We have folks here from Air Force Material Command, Air Combat Command and the Army, who bring both an operational flair to the testing and make sure, as new systems are developed, they meet user requirements,” said Maj. Chris Shearer, Flight Test engineer. “By getting all of the vital players working together as one team, we quickly and efficiently complete any testing that Joint STARS needs to get the best possible product in the hands of our warfighters.”

The high-tech nature of the aircraft has proven invaluable to those on the front lines.

“Information from Joint STARS can also be deployed to airborne crewmembers directly, such as F-15 pilots and Apache Longbow crews in order to prosecute the battle,” said Maj. Shearer. “For example, these new technologies would allow data to be passed to an Army Apache helicopter while it’s hidden and allows it to see what’s over the hill while it hovers covertly.”





# 25 SFS troops home from OIF

By 1st Lt. Warren Comer

45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Two squads of 25 people from the 45th Security Forces Squadron were welcomed home July 17 after being deployed in upwards of 220 days in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We are continually deploying our troops to stabilize events in Iraq," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Mason. "The entire wing is grateful for their contribution."

"You really grow up a lot when you're over there," said Airman 1st Class Joel Townsend, who deployed with other members of the 45th SFS to secure bases in Kuwait. "We saw a lot of stuff going on over there, the Scud alarms went off a lot."

Many of the bases were under constant alarm as Iraqi forces fired missiles into the country to slow down allied advances during the onset of hostilities.

The 45th Space Wing and its mission partners now have approximately 150 people deployed in support of contingency operations from Africa to central Asia.

"You just want them to come home safely," said Chief Master Sgt. George Bovell, 45th SFS. "There's not much we can do for them out there, but the families are a big priority because we can help them."

Families depended on squadron members and other base organizations to help them during these tough times. Preparation, communication and including family members in squadron events are things that Chief Master Sgt. Bovell says keeps deployed airmen at ease. When deployed, it's often less stressful for airmen to feel that their families are safe and taken care of so they can focus on their mission.

At the height of operations in Iraq, Patrick had about 450 service members serving in Air Expeditionary Wings for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

A large portion of these forces were from the 45th Security Forces Squadron, causing a manning shortfall where the wing called upon the Florida Army National Guard to supplement the base's security.



Airman 1st Class Joel Townsend, 45th Security Forces Squadron, is greeted by other members of the squadron at Melbourne International Airport after an almost 220 day deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Photos by 1st Lt. Warren Comer)



Pvt. Jennifer McGiffen, Florida Army National Guard, checks identification of incoming motorists. Guard members are augmenting the 45th Security Forces Squadron.

## Joint forces still securing Patrick

By 1st Lt. Warren Comer

45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

During the 45th Security Forces deployment, non-deployed members of the 45th SFS at Patrick Air Force Base were joined by the Florida Army National Guard and placed in critical manning positions.

Thirty-three members of the 146th Signals Battalion from Jacksonville, Fla., have been serving with the 45th SFS since Feb. 18.

"They've jumped right in and learned all the basics," said Senior Airman William Shankles. "It's definitely helped because we were working a lot of hours. They've helped fill in the manning issues."

Promoting a joint aspect to the squadron wasn't hard for the 45th SFS. The airmen used proven augmentation training to help the Army Guardsmen gain a firm footing on how Air Force security forces works.

"Without the Army National Guard here, we'd be pulling augmentees from the base," said 1st Lt. Philip Sting, 45th Security Forces operations officer. "They are allowing us to continue all the facets of our mission of securing the base."

"It works better because we're not tasking people on base," said Tech. Sgt. Stephen Shook. "It takes them away from their job."

Working with the Army National Guard was easy too, according to Tech. Sgt. Shook, because the guard members picked up their duties during on-the-job

training and easily learned the terminologies used by security forces and the Air Force, explained Tech. Sgt. Shook. In exchange, Guardsmen taught one piece of Army terminology to the airmen - the word "hooah."

"It's different working with the Air Force," said Army Staff Sgt. Robert Nuckols, who oversees Army personnel working the base gates. "Many senior Air Force sergeants have taught me a lot, I've really enjoyed it."

"I like it a lot!" said Pvt. Jennifer McGiffen while checking people's identification at one of the base gates. "I get along with the people in the flight really well."

Most of the soldiers find the toughest part of the job is working with people who come to the base. Whenever there's a question or concern, these troops are often the first to be approached.

While assigned here, the soldiers know that they are helping fill a much-needed position. They also realize that their duties are to make sure they do the best job they can, especially when the person that was doing their job is deployed to a war zone.

"I look at it as something you've got to do," says Pvt. McGiffen.

The Army guard members are expected to work and reside at Patrick AFB for at least one year.

"We never know what the future holds," said Staff Sgt. Nuckols. "What we learn here, we take with us elsewhere."



**Fitness Center has new hours**

Beginning Aug. 4, the Patrick Fitness Center's hours are 5 a.m. - 9 p.m. Mon. - Fri., and 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat. and Sun. Holiday hours are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Register for fall soccer**

Youth Programs accepts registrations for the 2003 Fall Recreational Soccer program now through Aug. 1. Registration is at the youth center Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5:30 pm.

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

The cost for children ages 4-5 is \$30 (members) or \$40 (nonmembers). Soccer for 6- to 11-year-olds is \$45 (members) or \$55 (nonmembers).

Youths 8-11 are required to submit a copy of their child's birth certificate at registration. A current physical must be submitted on all children before they are permitted to start practices in August. Call 494-3770 for more information.

**Sign-up for youth soccer camp**

Patrick Youth Center offers a Major League Soccer Camp daily July 28 through Aug. 1 at Adams Field, next to the center in South Housing. Family members ages 4-11 of active-duty or retired military, NAF employees and DoD personnel and contractors are eligible to participate.

Cost is \$50 (members) or \$55 (nonmembers). Fifty-five slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration fee includes a free camp soccer ball and tee shirt.

Registration for youth ages 4-7 is from 9-10:30 a.m. Youths ages 8-11 must register from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Call 494-3770 for more details.

**Action Line: 494-6550**

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

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

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

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



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Curtis Wilson attempts to lay the ball into the basket during a summer league basketball game Monday. Wilson's Above the Rim team was defeated by the War Eagles 59-46. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery)

## Summer basketball heats up

Pre-season draft lottery brings fairness, parity to league games

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

Two weeks into the summer basketball league's season and things are going great, according to Ralph Robinson, intramural sports director at Patrick Air Force Base.

Unlike the intramural sports program, summer league teams aren't made up of individual squadrons or groups.

Before the season starts, coaches from each team get together and conduct a draft lottery.

The benefit of the draft is that teams are likely to have four quality players on a team along with two or three role players, said Robinson.

"The draft is fair and makes the teams even," said William Lloyd, Above the Rim team coach.

There are six teams with equal amounts of skill, which makes for really good competition, Lloyd added.

Having fun is the main goal for on-base sports, but at the same time the players on the court care about winning, said Robinson.

Players don't have to be worried about

a dominant team made up from one squadron or group, he said.

The draft provides teams with a mixture of squadron personnel.

"It's a great way to build camaraderie," said Robinson. Players are able to interact with new people, not just the same people they see every day at their jobs. Individuals have the ability to network themselves and make new friends.

Not only does the draft style benefit the teams playing, it also makes life a little easier for Robinson.

"If something comes up, like a squadron function or a meeting, I don't have to worry about losing a whole team," said Robinson.

Summer league games are held Monday through Thursday. The first game tips off at 6:30 p.m. followed by game two at 7:30 p.m.

There are two weeks left in the regular season. The league champion will be decided in a tournament following the completion of the regular season.

The summer league gives basketball players and fans a chance come together, meet new people and would be helpful in the development of a base basketball team, said Lloyd.

"It is a great program and a good way of bringing people together."



**Join the tour**

Youth Programs offers a "Tour Day" from 9-11 a.m., Aug. 1 at the Child Development Center, the Family Child Care Office and the Patrick Youth Center.

Meet the staff and personnel at each facility who care for children from 6 weeks - 18 years old.

The Child Development Center is located near the Air Force Technical and Application Center in Bldg. 946.

The Family Child Care staff looks forward to showing parents their extensive lending library of supplies at 750 Marina Road in Bldg. 1391. At the Patrick Youth Center in the South Housing area, parents can view this state-of-the-art facility in Bldg. 415.

The youth program is for ages 5-18. See why Patrick Air Force Base's youth programs rank highly throughout the 45th Space Command and the Air Force.

**Get cruising**

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

**Submit artwork for gallery**

The Skills Center is accepting fine arts and crafts, hobby crafts and matted photos to dis-

play in the Patrick Base Library Gallery throughout September.

Eight to 10 items of the artwork on display will be chosen to send to the new Air Force Gallery.

The Skills Center will take photos for submission. This event is open to all eligible users who can participate in the Skills development program. Call Nancy Wilberg at 494-4270 for more information.

**Wicker furniture up for bids**

Lodging is selling four sets of wicker furniture by sealed bids. This is an "as-is" sale with no warranty express or implied regarding the condition of items.

Wicker Set A includes one coffee table, one padded bench, one dining table with four chairs, two arm chairs, one loveseat and one end table. Bids start at \$180.

Wicker Set B includes one dining table with four chairs. Bids begin at \$80

Wicker Set C includes one coffee table, one armchair, two end tables, one sofa, one loveseat and one sofa table. Bids start at \$175.

Wicker Set D includes one sofa, one armchair and one end table. Bids begin at \$65. Customers can bid on one or all sets. Minimum bid for all sets starts at \$500.

View items in Bldg. 1391 Aug. 12 and 13

from 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m., and Aug. 19 from 8-10 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Services reserves the right to not award when bids are complete.

Winners can pay by cash, credit card or money order. No personal checks will be accepted.

Mail bids to 45 SVS/SVFL; Bldg. 425, Room 2-690; 1225 Jupiter Street; Patrick AFB, Fla. 32925. Include name, address and phone number on bids. Closing date for all bids is Aug. 22. For specific directions or escorts, call 494-9193.

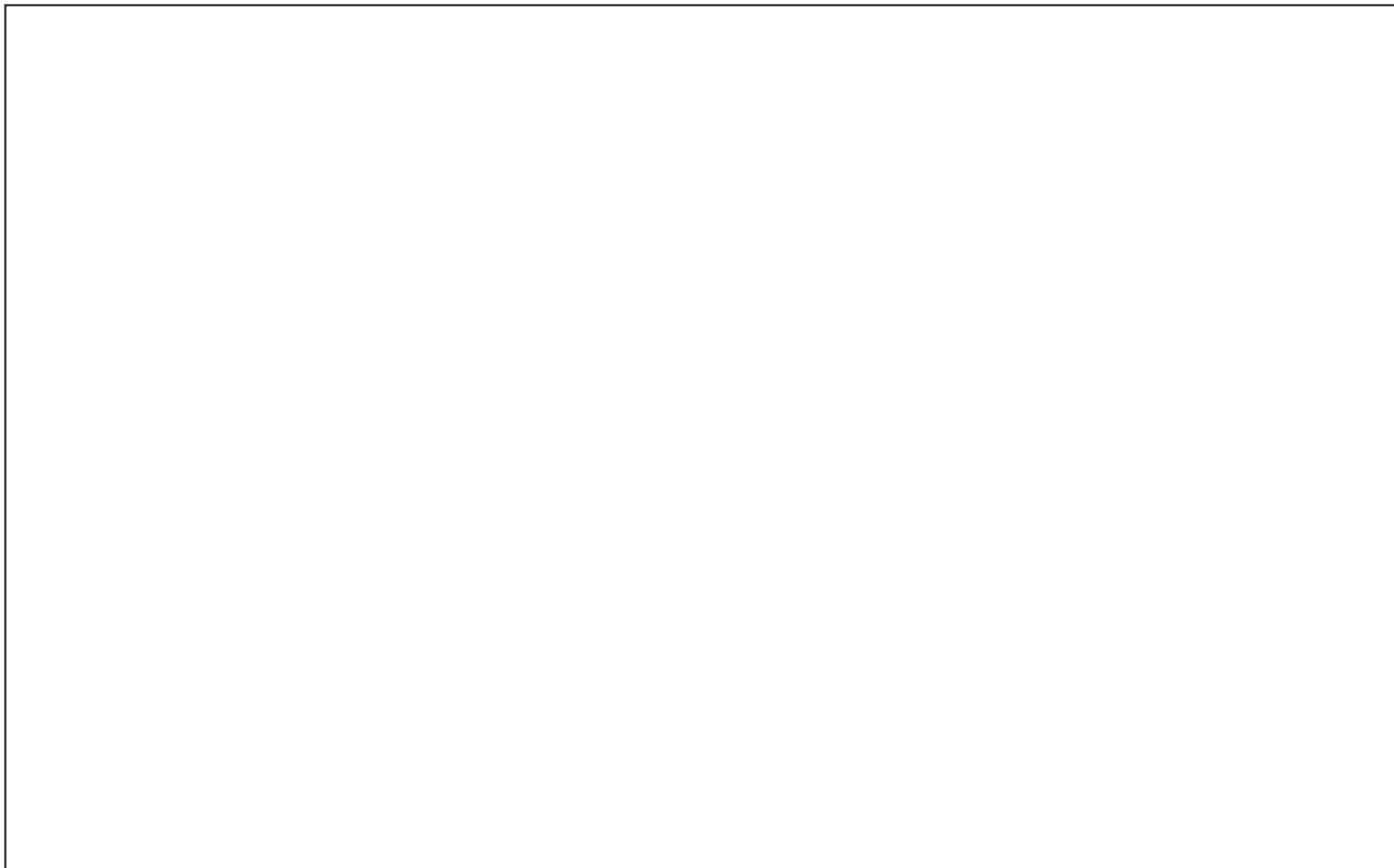
**FCC providers urgently needed**

Patrick Air Force Base needs Family Child Care providers immediately to care for children in their base quarters.

FCC certification classes are from 8:15 a.m. - 5 p.m., Aug. 12, 14 and 15 at the FCC Office in Bldg. 1391. Applicants must register before classes. Call Tina Washington at 494-8381 or beeper number 609-2810 for more information.

**New bowling alley equipment**

The bowling alley recently installed a new computerized scoreboard. The system is totally animated to keep bowlers entertained. The new system even gives bowling tips.





**Events**

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

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

**Festivals**

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

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

Aug. 16-17, 8th Annual Fais Das-Dos Cajun Festival and Craft Show at Wickham Road, Melbourne. August 16, 10a.m. - 8 p.m. and Aug. 17, noon - 6p.m. Family event featuring Cajun bands, dances, a "kid's cove" and arts and crafts show. Admission is \$3 donation for adults and children 12 and under get in free. Call 632-7445 for more information.

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

**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** - Sukiyaki, teriyaki chicken, beef stir-fry, sweet 'n sour pork

**Wednesday dinner** - Country-style steak, fried chicken, \*pita pizzas

**Thursday lunch** - Liver with onions, orange-spiced pork chops, tempura fried fish

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

**Aug. 1 lunch** - Beef and corn pie, pea and pepper rice, \*seafood Newburg, veal paprika steak

**Aug. 1 dinner** - Yankee pot roast, \*simmered corn beef, pineapple chicken

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



## Girls' day out

Audrey Scott, 4, and Jordyn Ivie, 3, team up on decorating paper vests during story time at the Patrick Library. Story time is every Wednesday from 10:30-11 a.m. (Photo by Sue Walden)

### Catholic

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

**Saturday:** 4 p.m. confession. 5 p.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel. **Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel and 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Seaside Chapel.



### Protestant

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. traditional worship in the Seaside Chapel. At 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Seaside Chapel. 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.



**Friday Hollywood Homicide** - When an entire hip-hop group is murdered onstage,

Los Angeles police department homicide detectives Gavilan and Calden are called in to handle the case. Stars Harrison Ford, Josh Hartnett. (PG-13 for violence, sexual situations and language)

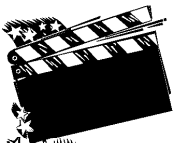
**Saturday** 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m. **Rugrats Go Wild** - The Rugrats and their parents are stranded on a deserted island. Tommy Pickles knows there's only one man who can help them - Nigel Thornberry. However, a bonk on the

head has made Nigel seem more like a 3-year-old than a man. Luckily, the babies have Eliza on their side and with her ability to communicate with animals. Animated. (PG for mild crude humor)

**Sunday Wrong Turn** - A turn down an uncharted dirt road leads six young people into a night of pure terror where they are hunted by cannibalistic mountain men. They find that they've fallen victim not to local pranksters, but a gang of inbred backwoods killers with a taste for blood. Stars Eliza Dushku and Desmond Harrington. (R for strong violence, gore, language and drug use)

Movies start at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 11.





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