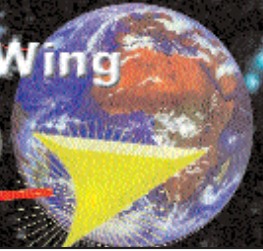


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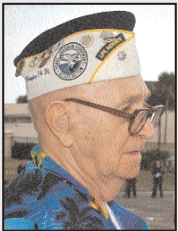
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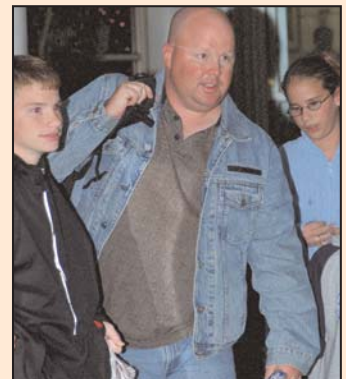
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Senior Airman William Shankles, 45th Security Forces Squadron, above, gets a hug after returning home from a deployment supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom while Staff S gt. John Stokes, 45th SFS, right, is welcomed home by his children Dec. 5.

## Home for Christmas



# Wing reactivates key squadron

By 2nd Lt. Elizabeth A. Kreft  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Dec. 5 marked the rebirth of the 5th Space Launch Squadron.

Lt. Col. Robert Atkins was appointed commander of the new squadron. He previously served as the Detachment 1, 45th Mission Support Group commander, and deputy director for the Cape Canaveral Spaceport Management Office.

The new 5th SLS provides primary interface with contractors managing the Evolved Expendable Launch vehicle program at the Cape. Squadron personnel will monitor contractor activities and contribute to the overall certification of Atlas V and Delta IV boosters as being space flight worthy.

"The Delta IV and Atlas V fleets provide vital capabilities (to our nation)," said Lt. Col. Atkins. "These launch vehicles are the key to ensuring the United States can compete in the global arena of commercial and military space launch."

While the responsibilities for the brand new squadron are enormous, new members of the squadron are ready for the tasks that lay ahead.

"Today is an exciting day. I've heard a lot about the positive history on the 5th SLS, so I can't wait to continue the legacy," said Tech. Sgt. Mike Jackson, 5th SLS.

The squadron was originally activated April 14, 1994, at the Cape under the 45th Operations Group. During that time, the squadron received several Air Force Outstanding Unit awards for its launch operations.

After more than four years of overseeing the Titan IV launch program, the squadron was inactivated June 11, 1998.

As part of the organizational transformation of the wing, the heavy-lift capabilities and responsibilities became a focal point for restructuring efforts. Reactivating the 5th SLS allows modernization of launch efforts and the reorganization of asset use.

Col. Michael Baker, 45th Launch

Group commander, presented the squadron's guidon and colors to Lt. Col. Atkins. "This is another piece of the transformation process," Col. Baker said.

"We are streamlining our efforts, and in the end we will have a program that is more efficient at handling launch responsibilities."

Most of the changes for this phase of the transformation will occur at command levels, but the streamlining effect will trickle down to individuals working within their new units.

"This change will make life easier and more effective for several layers of people," said Col. Baker. "This will improve the communication flow between the squadrons, groups and our program office partners in California."

"I'm extremely excited about the opportunity to lead such an experienced team with a strong work ethic," said Lt. Col. Atkins. "They're doing great things that are critical for our nation."

START ... Get it!



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich  
45TH SW COMMANDER

Season's greetings! Holiday decorating and shopping are activities that will dominate the next two weeks. Here's one universal gift that even Ebenezer Scrooge would have appreciated: recognition. And since this is the greatest season of the year for giving, why not give the gift of recognition to the deserving military and civilian members of your units?

Commanders, supervisors and leaders at all levels should be getting cozy with Air Force Form 1206 and using that form to nominate their folks for awards in the wide variety of annual competitions going on. We have great people here and getting them recognized at our major command and Air Force-level is part of taking care of our people. There are also numerous awards sponsored by private organizations, the local community, etc. Take the time to read the criteria and match up your deserving people. That's the "R" in START.

And don't forget about our own annual awards. The packages are due in mid-January with the awards banquet not far behind. This banquet is one of the highlights of the year and showcases our top officers, enlisted members and civilians. Presenting these awards boosts my spirits. It is a night of personal and collective triumph for the award winners, their coworkers and their supervisors who took the time to nominate them. Do not wait until the last minute. Start writing now!

There is absolutely no excuse for not nominating someone for an award who has done great things for our Air Force. I know it is time-consuming to gather the information and put together an award-winning package, but just knowing his or her boss cared enough to nominate them sends a great message to our deserving folks.

Finding the time to write up a nomination and just getting started are the toughest parts. When I was a squadron commander, I used to come in on weekends and burn the midnight oil so I could have some private, quiet time to work on awards packages. And believe me, my troops really appreciated it – even if they didn't win.

Because while winning is nice, it is not everything. What really matters is ensuring your people know how much you appreciate them and what they do: Say "thank you," congratulate individuals and teams for jobs well done, give time off or on the spot cash awards, order pizza. Just do something! Few things are worse than working hard and accomplishing something significant and having it go unnoticed. We all know how hollow that feels and makes a formerly motivated worker less likely to give everything they've got for that supervisor, this wing or our Air Force.

Following my own advice, I would be remiss if I did not say "thank you" to everyone of you who worked around-the-clock to make our mobility and Ocean Breeze exercises successful. Many of you probably felt like it was "hell week," but it was really a readiness tune-up and reminder that our primary purpose is to fight and win our nation's wars. We must never lose touch with our warrior mentality or expeditionary culture.

About 125 of you processed through mobility lines and "deployed" to a mock combat zone in the Chevron Park area. You did a tremendous job and clearly demonstrated our ability to survive and operate in wartime conditions. After the ATSO, we stood down for a few hours then shifted gears and moved into the Ocean Breeze exercise that tested your ability to respond to a variety of contingencies. Again, you showed why you are the best of the best. No matter what scenario was thrown at you, you responded with flawless professionalism. I am 100 percent confident that no matter what

the future brings, we are ready. Well done!

It is always a challenge to balance mission requirements and personal time. I personally believe in the work-hard, play-hard philosophy. So, now that we've got a challenging week behind us, we should focus on the fun stuff – and there are lots of fun events on the horizon. Our wing's Tropical Holiday Party, the Chiefs' Annual Christmas Party, the Disney holiday celebration at our Youth Center and Santa's Workshop at our Family Support Center headline a full slate of activities on tap to help you get into the spirit of the season. Our base Christmas tree was lit yesterday and it is a beauty. If you have not already bought a tree, consider buying one from our Company Grade Officers' Association. Our young officers are selling trees through Dec. 19 at the South Housing Sports Complex. Hours run from 5-8 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday. Great looking trees are available for \$7 per foot. Proceeds benefit the Special Olympics.

If you buy a live tree, keep it watered and away from heat sources. Otherwise, it could become a fire hazard. According to the National Safety Council, each year more than 400 residential fires involve Christmas trees. Tragically, nearly 40 deaths and 100 injuries result from those fires. Do not get careless and let a fire spoil your holiday season.

Deb and I will see many of you at the party tomorrow. In the meantime, stay safe and continue to pray for our deployed troops. God bless!



Courtesy photo

## Outstanding

Major Kenneth Bibee, Detachment 1, Antigua Air Station commander and Ronna Ciaruffoli, Computer Sciences Raytheon station manager, along with Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander receive Air Force Space Command's Small Installation Facilities Excellence Award for 2003 and a check for \$50,000.



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# DeCA, 45th SW spread Christmas cheer



Photo by 1st Lt. Warren Comer

Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Manson, 45th Space Wing command chief master sergeant, and Mr. Ron Rogers, Defense Commissary Agency store director, deliver a washing machine Dec. 4.

By 1st Lt. Warren Comer  
45TH SW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The director of Patrick Air Force Base's Main Exchange and the 45th Space Wing command chief master sergeant recently surprised Space Coast airmen when they delivered a set of washers and dryers to their homes.

Mr. Ron Rogers, Defense Commissary Agency store director, and Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Manson, 45th SW command chief, gave eight airmen the appliances for Christmas after Mr. Rogers and industry partners decided to donate them to needy airmen here.

The wing's first sergeants were then responsible for finding airmen within their unit that needed help during this time of year.

"One of the things I thought we needed to do this Christmas was support our young folks," said Mr. Rogers. "I met with the chief and we decided to give out the washers and dryers to airmen who need them."

The Defense Commissary Agency and Army and Air Force Exchange Service usually make efforts during this time of year to help give something to their local community and help base officials support their airmen with needed supplies or special gifts.

Also being presented during the holiday season are \$1,000 in food vouchers to help airmen buy a Christmas dinner for their families.

"As a retired blue-suiter, I understand how difficult it is (to do something special for your

family during the holidays)," said Mr. Rogers. "When we get an opportunity to step forward like this, we all need to make sure we do it."

Airmen 1st Class Terri Gray, 45th Space Communication Squadron, and her husband, Kevin, were one of the families to receive the appliances Dec. 4.

"It was great," said Airman 1st Class Gray. "Thanks to everybody that had a part in it."

Mr. Rogers and Chief Master Sgt. Manson agreed that the Christmas surprise was given to the right family as they were still celebrating the birth of their daughter on Nov. 21.

"It's our responsibility to take care of our families," said Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Manson. "When someone like Mr. Rogers comes to us with something special for our airmen, we're always happy to help spread holiday cheer."



Photo by 1st Lt. Warren Comer

Airman 1st Class Terri Gray, 45th Space Communications Squadron, and her husband, Kevin, center, receive a washer and dryer from Mr. Ron Rogers in front of fellow squadron members Dec. 4.



## Commander Q&A: Col. Steven Bible 45th Contracting Squadron

**Q: What is the mission of the 45th Contracting Squadron?**

A: When organic resources are not available, we have to look elsewhere to get the goods and services we need to perform the mission. It our job to take the customer's requirements and find quality sources in the commercial sector to fill this gap. We negotiate, award and administer these contracts as well as contracts being performed here, but awarded by units elsewhere. We also train and deploy contingency contracting personnel for expeditionary operations.

**Q: How much of an impact does the 45th CONS have on other squadrons and the wing?**

A: With organic resources being stretched thinner and thinner, dependence upon what we do becomes critical. We strive to acquire the best goods and services we can get for the funds we have available.

**Q: What is the most important thing your squadron deals with on a daily basis?**

A: We have such a wide variety of customers and an even wider range of products or services required, that trying to become well versed in all of them is extremely challenging. Every year, hundreds of bills are passed through Congress that have a direct impact on the way we do business. Each bill signed into law means we have to incorporate changes in our process and procedures.

**Q: What is the one thing you try to impress upon your people?**

A: Integrity, service and excellence. These words reflect the commitment we have to success and it never fails to amaze me just how dedicated our folks are. They know how important they are to the success of the mission and work very hard to provide the customer with what they need, when they need it.

# Vigilance is key to security

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

It doesn't seem likely that Patrick Air Force Base or Cape Canaveral Air Force Station would be possible targets for a terrorist attack, but according to Master Sgt. Kevin Fishel, 45th Space Wing anti-terrorism officer, complacency can be the biggest enemy.

"Just because we are in low-level force protection and America hasn't been attacked since Sept. 11, we can't let complacency bleed into our military environment," he said.

In the war on terror, the United States is battling an enemy unlike any it's dealt with in the past.

"These terrorist groups are very patient," said Master Sgt. Fishel. "It may take them many years to form a target."

While planning an attack, terrorist groups spend countless hours conducting surveillance and planning their attack.

"It's in the enemy's process of surveillance and planning when complacency becomes a problem," he said. "By constantly doing the same things, we put ourselves at risk. By staying vigilant and keeping anti-terrorism high on our list of priorities, we can lower the risk of an attack."

The wing is conducting exercises to increase security awareness at Patrick AFB and the Cape, said Capt. Larry King, 45th Operations

Support Squadron chief of training.

Training coordinators will test how workers react to simulated anti-terrorism scenarios.

"Servicemembers need to have situational awareness," said Capt. King. "By asking yourself questions like what day it is, is this day significant, what time is it, should people be working or should these vehicles be here, you are doing your part to save lives and resources."

People shouldn't be apprehensive about reporting incidents. "While you don't have to report every car that doesn't have a sticker, if you get a gut feeling that something isn't right, don't let it slide," he said. "Investigate the incident further keeping personal safety in mind. If you're in doubt, inform Security Forces at Patrick or Space Gateway Support security if you're at the Cape."

People are the most valuable resource we have in the Air Force, said Capt. King.

"Every part of the mission, whether it's food service, the gym or launch operations is an important part of the machine. No matter what is hit, it involves people and we even the loss of one person impacts our ability to accomplish the mission."

Members of the 45th SW can do their part to protect against terrorism by staying vigilant, being aware of their surroundings and not becoming complacent.

## DEOMI mourns loss

By Mary Ann Chevalier  
DEOMI PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Force Master Sgt. Michael Green died Saturday in a single-car accident on State Highway 528 near the Brevard county line.



Master Sgt. Green, a passenger in the car, was killed instantly when the car left the road and hit a tree at approximately 4:30 a.m.

Assigned to the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute since June 2001, he provided computer support to faculty, staff and students as part of the Information Management team.

During his off-duty hours Master Sgt. Green enjoyed refereeing local sporting events. He also taught sports officiating through his own small business.

He is survived by his daughter, Ashley Green, 15, of Ocala, Fla., and his parents, Joyce M. Curry and Charlie Green of Jacksonville, Fla.

A memorial service is noon Saturday at Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 2803 West Edgewood Ave. in Jacksonville. DEOMI might acquire a shuttle bus to the funeral. Call Master Sgt. Jeffrey Jennings at 494-7543 for more information.

# 45th SW celebrates tree awareness week

By Terri Bracher  
45TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, sponsors a tree-planting ceremony Friday at 3 p.m. in the Family Camping Recreation Area in honor of tree awareness week.

The Tree City U.S.A. program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, a non-profit education organization that helps people plant and care for trees, in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

"Tree City U.S.A. recognition from The National Arbor Day Foundation is a symbol of how important our community trees are and how dedicated the 45th Space Wing is to preserving and protecting the environment," said Mr. Wes Westphal, environmental planner.

Communities receive Tree City U.S.A. designation upon recommendation by state foresters. To become a Tree City U.S.A., a community must have a tree care ordinance, a legal tree governing body, a comprehensive urban forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

Patrick AFB and Cape Canaveral AFS have held this designation for 12 consecutive years.

Tree City U.S.A. communities receive a flag with the program's logo and a walnut-mounted plaque. Winners also receive Tree City U.S.A. community signs with stickers indicating additional qualifying years, the Foundation said.

"Trees provide many benefits to our communities. Proper tree planting and care today will help ensure cleaner, healthier, more tree-filled cities and towns tomorrow," said Mr. Westphal.



# AFTAC holds Pearl Harbor Ceremony

By Tech Sgt. Bill Lindner  
AIR FORCE TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER

The men and women of the Air Force Technical Applications Center conducted their ninth annual Pearl Harbor Ceremony Dec. 5 in front of the AFTAC building.

The ceremony honored those who were lost in the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, and those who lived through it. Sixteen men who survived the attack and several widows of Pearl Harbor veterans attended the ceremony.

The attack took place early in the morning of Dec. 7 while many American servicemen were sleeping or ashore away from their ships.

"We heard some explosions," said retired Navy Cmdr. Harold (Hal) Harriman, guest speaker for the event, as he talked about when he first realized the U.S. ships were under attack. "Before that, we had no warning of what was about to happen."

Air Force and Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from Satellite and Cocoa Beach High Schools presented the certificates for their service to the nation. This was the first time JROTC cadets participated in the AFTAC ceremony.

"We wanted to include a sense of past, present and future to the ceremony," said Master Sgt. Brian Boyer, chairman of AFTAC's planning committee. "It's good to honor our heroes from the past and show them we still care."



Photo by Jim Laviska

**Pearl Harbor survivors remember those who lost their lives on Dec. 7, 1941. Japan's attack brought the United States into World War II.**

"I've been to every AFTAC Pearl Harbor Ceremony," said Alan Sanford, who was serving onboard the USS Ward during the attack on Pearl Harbor. "I wouldn't miss this for anything. I think I owe it to the guys who aren't here any longer."

Col. Jonathan Wohlman, AFTAC vice commander, presided over the ceremony and introduced Cmdr. Harriman. About 140 of AFTAC's military members were formed into four large flights behind the survivors.

"After the attack, it was a little difficult to keep up your morale when there was so much destruction; so many dead and wounded," said Cmdr. Harriman. "But from then on the country rallied, which was fortunate."



# New nametag wear guidance announced

The Air Force has established both the mandatory wear date and proper wear for the new metallic nametag on service dress uniforms.

According to personnel officials, effective Jan. 1, the nametag must be worn on the wearer's right side of the service dress jacket with the bottom of the nametag level with the bottom of the ribbons. It should be centered between the sleeve seam and the lapel.

If a duty badge is worn on the wearer's right side of the service dress jacket, men will center the badge a half-inch below the new nametag; women will center the badge a half-inch above the new nametag. An exception is when a command insignia is worn by either men or women, then the command insignia is worn either a half-inch above or below the nametag and the

duty badge is worn either a half-inch above or below the command insignia, depending on whether the individual is a current or former commander.

When the maternity jumper is worn as the maternity service dress, the nametag should be centered on the right side and placed even to, or 1 1/2 inches higher or lower than, the first exposed button.

The nametag will also be worn on all pullover sweaters on the wearer's right side with the bottom of the nametag level centered between the middle of the sleeve seam and the seam of the neckline. It will not be worn on the cardigan sweater.

For more information, members should direct questions to their servicing military personnel flight or commanders support staff. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs)*

# Paper CLEP tests coming online

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

The College Level Examination Program, a popular route for many servicemembers seeking degrees, will introduce 14 new paper tests in April.

Since July 2001, more than 1,300 campus test centers have offered electronic computer-based CLEP tests. The reintroduced paper-based exams are considered "high volume" exams, said Len Lipp, exam programs manager for the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support.

"They are the most popular, they have the best success rate, and they meet a majority of educational requirements of most degree programs that people use CLEP for," he said.

The new tests will replace some that will no longer be available, beginning in early 2004.

"These are aged exams," said Mr. Lipp, referring to the CLEP tests now used by DANTES. "The current paper-based exams, after their withdrawal date, will no longer be considered valid examinations and will have to be pulled. This is not uncommon in the testing world."

Subjects such as social science, history, sociology, psychology, humanities, college algebra and mathematics will be reintroduced in paper form, according to the DANTES Web site. The test material will be based on computer versions of CLEP exams being administered at national test centers located on college and university campuses.

The hard-copy exams will be available

because of the "recognized need for paper-based testing in the military," Mr. Lipp said. He pointed to locations and environments in the Department of Defense where paper-based education is a good alternative — "where it would be very difficult to deliver computer-based testing — for example, numerous remote locations, particularly in the Middle East and other areas."

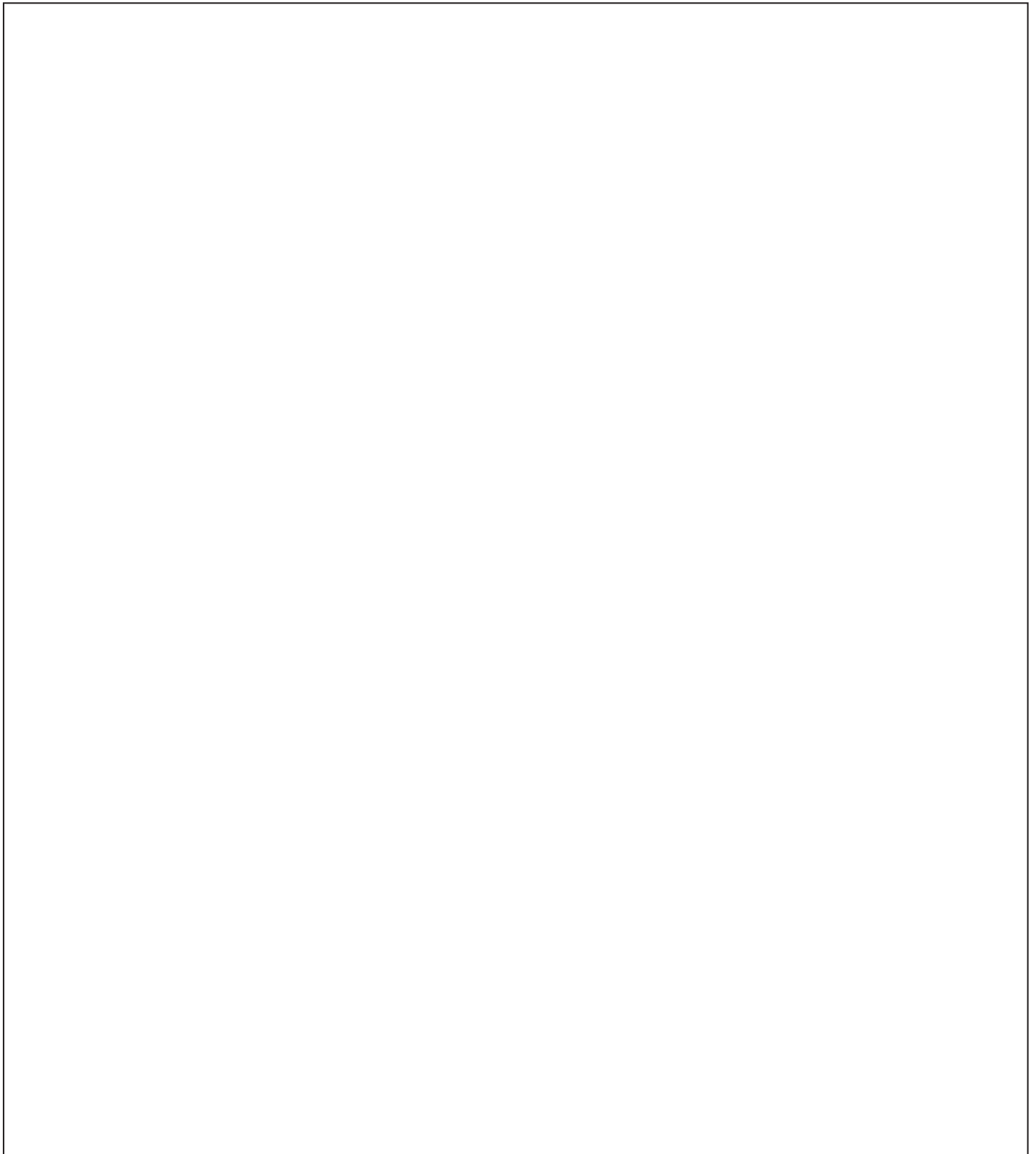
CLEP tests offer servicemembers a chance to earn up to 30 semester hours' credit toward a bachelor's degree. The exams, widely accepted by colleges and universities, cover material taught in most college freshman and sophomore courses.

Of the three credit-by-exams programs recognized by colleges, CLEP by far is the most popular among the military, Mr. Lipp said.

"Up until just recently, we were averaging in the neighborhood of about 70,000 to 75,000 exams a year," he said. That number "far exceeded" the DANTES subject standardized tests program, which is the second largest with a volume that is around 55,000.

DANTES and the College Board, the organization that provides college information, testing and financial-aid sources, are working to introduce a new Web-based CLEP program, hopefully by fiscal 2006, he said. That program will allow servicemembers to take CLEP tests online at military education centers.

For more information about CLEP tests and the nearest national test center, visit <http://www.collegeboard.com/clep/> or go to [http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes\\_web/examinations/CLEP.htm](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/examinations/CLEP.htm).





**Family Support Center closes**

Due to an official function, the FSC will be closed Monday at noon.

**New base guides available**

The new 45th Space Wing telephone directory has arrived. Unit telephone control officers may come to the 45th SW Public Affairs office, room C-129 in Bldg. 423 to pick up the directories for their respective units.

For more information, call Capt. Susan Romano at 494-7731.

**MOAA to award college scholarships**

The Military Officers Association of America is offering \$1,000 scholarship grants for the 2004-2005 school year to 50 college-bound or current undergraduate students.

Students will be selected randomly in a drawing among applicants.

To be eligible, students must be under age 24, working on their first undergraduate degree and a child of an active-duty servicemember. Children of Reserve and National Guardsmen may also apply.

Visit the MOAA Web site at <http://www.moaa.org> and click on "Educational Aid" on the left side of the opening page to submit an application. Application deadline is March 1, 2004 by noon Eastern Standard Time.

**Annual children's holiday party set**

The Space Coast Association of Chief Master Sergeants hold its annual Children's Christmas Party Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the NCO Club. Children and grandchildren of active-duty and retired members of the NCO Club and children of all deployed troops are invited.

Each child will visit with Santa, get a photo

taken with him and receive a gift. There is no charge, but registration is essential. Call Joe Pannitto at 253-2629 or Chief Master Sgt. John Baker at 476-2911 or 752-4019 after hours.

**Join decorating contest**

All residents in North and Central Housing are invited to take part in the annual wing Holiday Decorations Contest. To enter, submit name and address to the Housing Office, Bldg. 1060, e-mail Angela Clarington (in global) or fax entry to 494-4031 by Friday. Judging will be held Dec. 16.

Don't place decorations on the roof, second story or attach anything to the exterior of the house that will cause damage. No nails or screws. The Housing Office recommends using plastic suction cups, clips, hooks, tabs or light clips to hang lights around windows and doors. For more information, call Angela Clarington at 494-2594.

**Santa needs toys**

The 4th Annual Santa's Workshop is Saturday from 10 a.m. - noon in the Family Support Center. Santa is looking for toy donations and stuffed animals (new or used in very good condition). Drop them off at the Family Support Center, Bldg. 722 next to the library. Cape personnel can drop off items in the E&L building. Call Jocelyn Branson at 853-5705 for more information.

**Take a class**

On Wednesday, a Sponsorship Training course is from 9-11 a.m. and a Buying Your Christmas Car class is from 11 a.m. - noon. All classes take place in the Family Support Center, Bldg. 722, unless otherwise posted. For more information, call Joel La Fuente at 494-5676.

**Christmas trees for sale**

The Space Coast Company Grade Officers' Association holds its annual Christmas tree sale through Dec. 19 at the South Housing Sports Complex. Hours are Monday - Friday 5-8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday noon - 6 p.m. Trees are \$7 per foot. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics.

The association is also recruiting volunteers for the sales. Reserve a time slot by calling 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Kreft at 494-5959.

**Get a flu shot**

The 45th Medical Group is offering free flu shots to all DOD civilians and military family members at Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

To get the shot at Patrick, visit the Immunization Clinic in Bldg. 1380 Monday - Friday from 1-4 p.m.

Kennedy Space Center's Occupational Health Facility will be open for flu shots Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

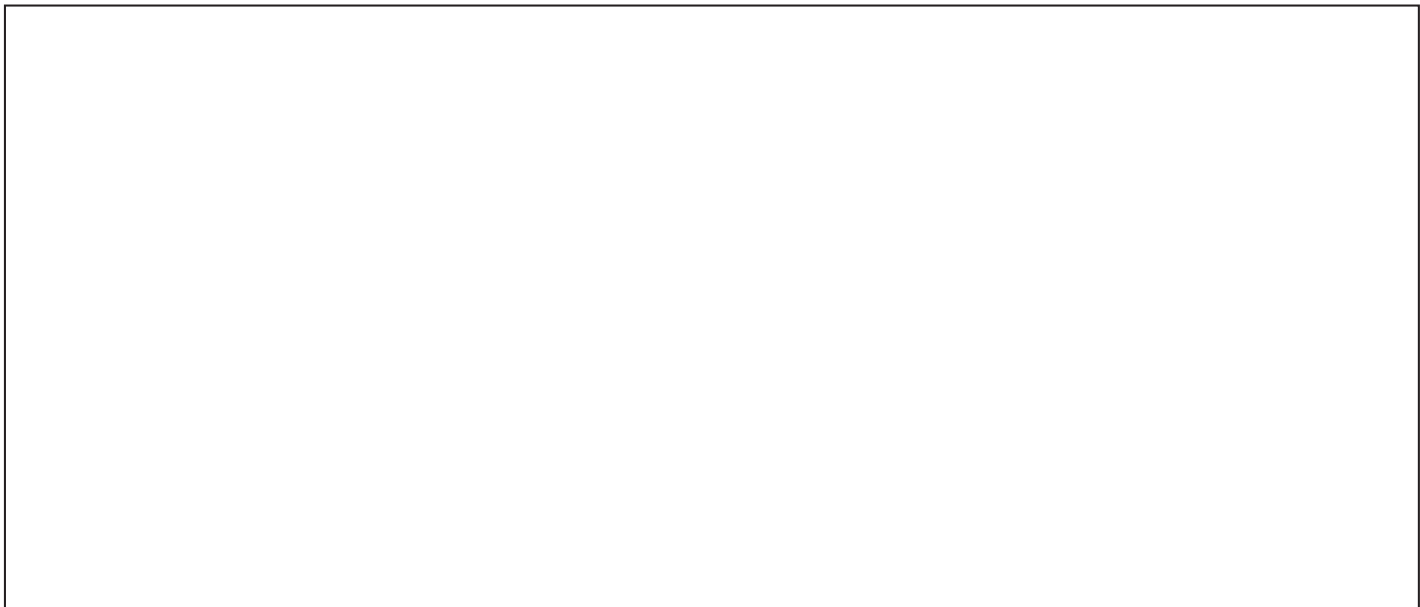
Non-appropriated and DoD contractors will not be able to receive a flu shot. All DoD civilians must bring their DoD identification to receive immunization.

**Pure Edge mandatory Jan. 1**

The computer program, Pure Edge, used to write Enlisted Promotion Reports, Officer Promotion Reports and other Air Force or DoD Forms will be required over Form Flow beginning Jan. 1.

**Painter to sign Hummels**

M.I. Hummel artist Thomas Gunter will appear at the Main Exchange Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. to demonstrate the art of painting hand-crafted Hummel figurines.



# EXERCISE



Staff Sgt. Scott Miller, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, takes cover during an attack Monday. As part of Exercise Operation Ocean Breeze, wing members were faced with all the challenges of being in a deployed location including going through deployment lines, tent set-up, chemical warfare, unexploded ordnance identification, decontamination, fires and attack levels.



Left, Staff Sgt. Shane Cardinez, 45th Security Forces Squadron, drives in a stake marking off an unexploded ordnance his team identified following an attack. Tech. Sgt. James Boggs, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, above, helps a fellow airman don his chemical warfare gear. Airman 1st Class David Walker, 45th Space Communications Squadron, right, sets up the base public address system in the early hours Monday.







Upon hearing the announcement of a chemical attack on the base, Staff Sgt. Glenn Naughton, 45th Medical Group, left, dons full Military Oriented Protective Posture gear. MOPP level four, the highest level of protection, includes all protective outer clothing, boots, mask and gloves. Airman Andrew Woolford, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, above right, mans the last station of the decontamination line, the removal of the gas mask.

Following a mortar attack on the base, Staff Sgt. Bobby Roseman, below, utilizes self-aid buddy care techniques to remove a fellow airman from the battlefield. Senior Airman Barry Spencer, 45th SFS, right, assists a prisoner to his feet during a Prisoner of War exercise Monday. Security forces had to take control and search prisoners. During the past two operations in Iraq, U.S. forces have faced situations where opposing forces voluntarily turned themselves in.





## Remembering space pioneers always more than monkey business

By Roger McCormick

AIR FORCE SPACE AND MISSILE MUSEUM

Nearly 55 years after the Wright Brothers first soared above the sandy dunes at Kitty Hawk, N.C., the United States sent its first space-faring pioneer into space.

That brave explorer wasn't an astronaut, but a "monkeynaut" by the name of Gordo, a squirrel monkey common to Central and South America.

Gordo was named after a popular comic strip character that first appeared in 1941.

Gordo also means "fat" in Spanish, but he only tipped scales at just one-pound.

Saturday is the 45th year anniversary of Gordo's flight. Gordo, born at a research lab in Bethesda, Md., was sent to the U.S. Navy School of Aviation Medicine in Pensacola, Fla., to be raised and undergo training with other monkeynaut hopefuls.

Gordo earned the nickname "Little Old Reliable," because he did so well with the tests.

Opportunity came when the U.S. Army said it had room aboard one of its Jupiter rockets for a passenger. A total of six monkeys made the trip from Pensacola to the Cape, one of which would be chosen to be the first to fly in space.

Gordo's temperament and physical conditioning paid off as Little Old Reliable once again came through the final battery of testing and was selected. Suiting up, and other preparations for placing Gordo aboard the rocket began about 11 hours before launch.

Wearing a helmet molded from clay and strapped to a soft foam rubber mattress, Gordo was placed in a tiny sealed container and then put inside the rocket's nosecone. Securely in place, Gordo waited while technicians fueled the 68-foot tall rocket on Launch Complex 26.

Liftoff came at 3:53 a.m., Dec. 13, 1958. Data radioed back to the ground from sensors indicated that Gordo was fine; his heart rate rose only slightly during the launch, but quickly settled back to normal.

During the 16-minute long flight, Gordo reached an altitude of 300 miles. He experienced more than eight minutes of weightlessness, and felt tremendous gravitational forces as his nosecone made a fiery reentry through the atmosphere to a splashdown in the Atlantic Ocean some 1,500 miles from Cape Canaveral.

With the splashdown, Gordo became the first living creature to ever travel in space and return to Earth from the United States.

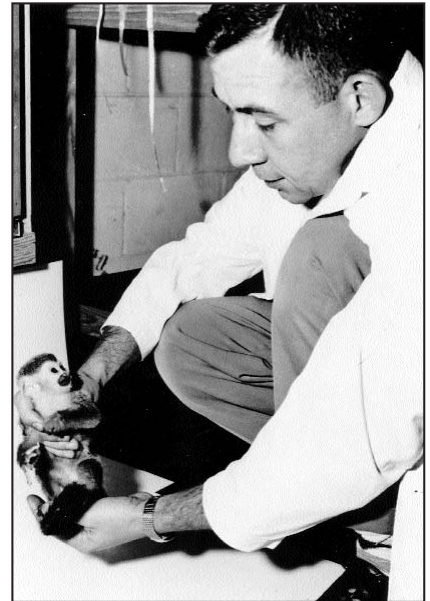


Photo courtesy of the Air Force Space and Missile Museum

**Gordo was the first living creature to be sent into space on board a Jupiter rocket. Saturday is the 45th anniversary of his historic flight that paved the way for future manned missions into space.**

With the completion of his mission, Gordo earned a permanent place in the history of space exploration, but it came at the price of his life. A floatation device on his nosecone malfunctioned, causing it to sink before Navy recovery forces could reach it.

Gordo provided a lesson very early on that space exploration and the development of such new technologies was going to be a dangerous and risky endeavor. But it is often said that some good always comes from tragedy.

Gordo proved that a living creature could survive the rigors of space flight. The United States was confident that one day, humans, could safely make the trip into space.

The fact that we have been able to orbit men, to walk on the moon, and now have a permanent manned presence in space aboard the International Space Station, is in some part due to the pioneering efforts of Gordo's flight.

To this day Gordo's nosecone is somewhere on the ocean floor. But as long as we remember him and the significant contributions of his pioneering flight, perhaps he is not truly lost.



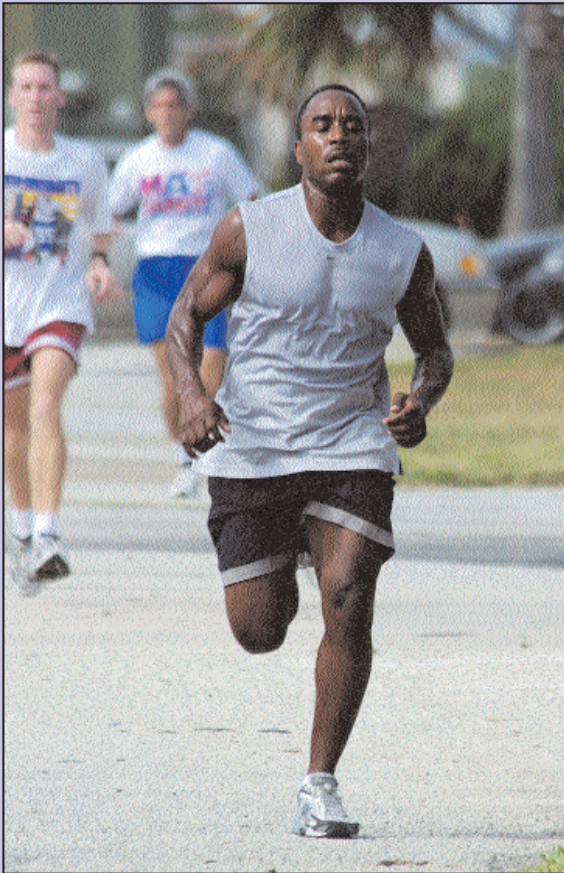


Photo by Jim Laviska

## Ahead of the pack

Chuck Speed from the 45th Contracting Squadron participates in the Jingle Bell 5-K run Dec. 5 at Patrick AFB. A run was also held at the Cape. The winner was Dwayne McCoy, 45th Contracting Squadron. Every person who entered the race received a raffle ticket for a \$500 gift-certificate for new tires. More than 60 people participated in the run.

# Patrick Fitness Center receives 5-star award



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

The Patrick Air Force Base Fitness Center received the 5-star award from the Air Force Services Agency Nov. 26 for meeting and exceeding the Air Force's 5-star standards.

Each year fitness centers around the globe are sent checklists that cover five key areas: training, facilities, programs, equipment and operations.

The Patrick Fitness Center was one of only 11 fitness centers to receive the award.

The Patrick and Cape Fitness Center's were awarded the four-star award in 2002.

"Last year we were lacking in two areas, training and equipment," said Naomi Parish, 45th Services Squadron assistant fitness center director. "In 2003 our priorities were to receive the mandatory training that we were missing which was the Air Education and Training Command's Fitness Specialist Course and to upgrade the majority of our exercise equipment."

So far the Fitness Center has made good on those priorities.

"We have added all new cardio equipment estimated at \$180,000," said Ralph Robinson, 45th Service Squadron intramural sports director. "We have new Life Circuit equipment estimated at \$33,000 that arrived Wednesday."

Recently, the Fitness Center completed renovations on the racquetball courts in Patrick's South Housing. According to Mr. Robinson, future upgrades include more new equipment, barbells, weight trees and new flooring in the gym in February.

"These facility and equipment upgrades are coming at a great time," explains Mr. Robinson. "Fitness is becoming a huge part of the Air Force. Servicemembers are going to be subject to a new test that doesn't only include the usual 1.5-mile run, push-ups, and sit-ups, but also body composition tests."

"These upgrades wouldn't be possible without help from base leadership," said Ms. Parish. "Brig. Gen. Pavlovich was instrumental in this achievement this year because he prioritized fitness at the 45th Space Wing and secured funding for the overdue replacement of our equipment."

The Fitness Center upgrades are further enhanced by the addition of a .5-mile jogging trail and recreation area at Patrick and a 1.5 mile jogging trail at the Cape, both set to begin construction next month.

According to Ms. Parish, "With the new Air Force Fitness Testing on the horizon in 2004, active-duty personnel at the 45th SW will have premier facilities and programs available to help them meet their fitness goals."



**Youths celebrate holiday**

A Disney holiday celebration is Sunday from 1-3 p.m. at the Patrick Youth Center gymnasium in South Housing. Refreshments will be served. Call Chuck Nolan at 494-8063 for more information.

**Donate toys for needy children**

The Patrick Youth Center is continuing to collect toys through Saturday. They're accepting donations of unwrapped new toys, gifts items and holiday gift-wrapping paper appropriate for youth from up to age 18. Gifts are to be distributed throughout 45th Space Wing organizations and Brevard County special needs youth. Call 494-4747 for more information.

**Aero Club offers classes**

Patrick Aero Club has ground school formal classes for private, instrument and commercial pilot licenses. Active-duty personnel receive 100 percent tuition assistance upon completion of the course. Call 494-4356 for more information.

**Get your car detailed**

Complete car detailing is now available near Bldg. 737, next to the Tire Service Center. Complete car care includes a meticulous hand wash, a wax application and a carpet and car seat shampoo. Treatment for the car's dash, tires and vinyl tops will

be applied. The cost to hand wash a compact-size car is \$7, or \$10 for your full-size car. Get a wash and wax job for \$30 on your compact car or \$50 on your full-size car. A complete detailed automotive job is \$60 for a compact car or \$80 for a full-size car. For information or an appointment, call 784-1724 or 432-4871.

**Rock in the New Year**

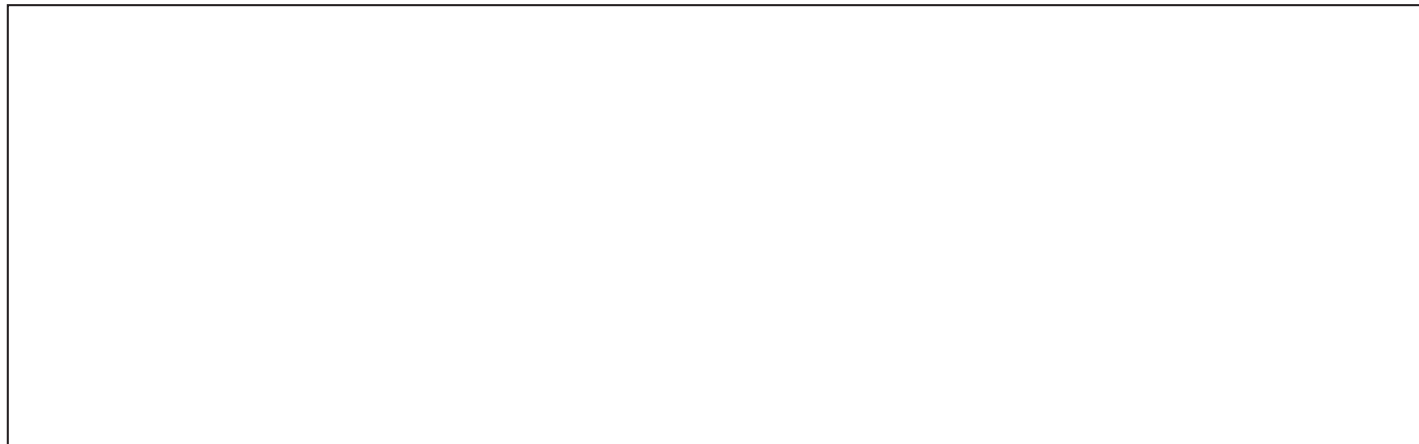
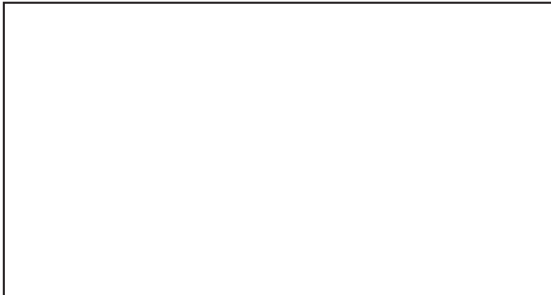
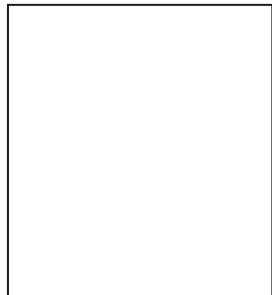
Rocket Lanes Bowling Center will ring in the new year Dec. 31 starting at 9 p.m. Party favors, music, bowling, dancing, breakfast and more at \$15 per person. Call 494-2958 to make reservations. Participants must be age 18 or older to participate.

**Children get bowling discount**

Children who bring in a letter to the Bowling Center addressed to Santa on Sunday receive one-half off their bowling cost. Call 494-2958 for more information.

**Youths begin new program**

A new teen program, Training Responsible Adolescents in Leadership, is being introduced at the Patrick Youth Center. Teens ages 12-18 of active-duty or retired military, DoD personnel, Non-appropriated employees and DoD contractors are eligible to participate. Adult volunteers are also needed. Call 494-4747 or 494-3770 for more information.



## Action Line: 494-6550



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

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.

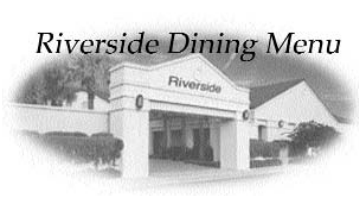
The best way to get something fixed is to identify the problem to supervisors and first sergeants.

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 global at 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.

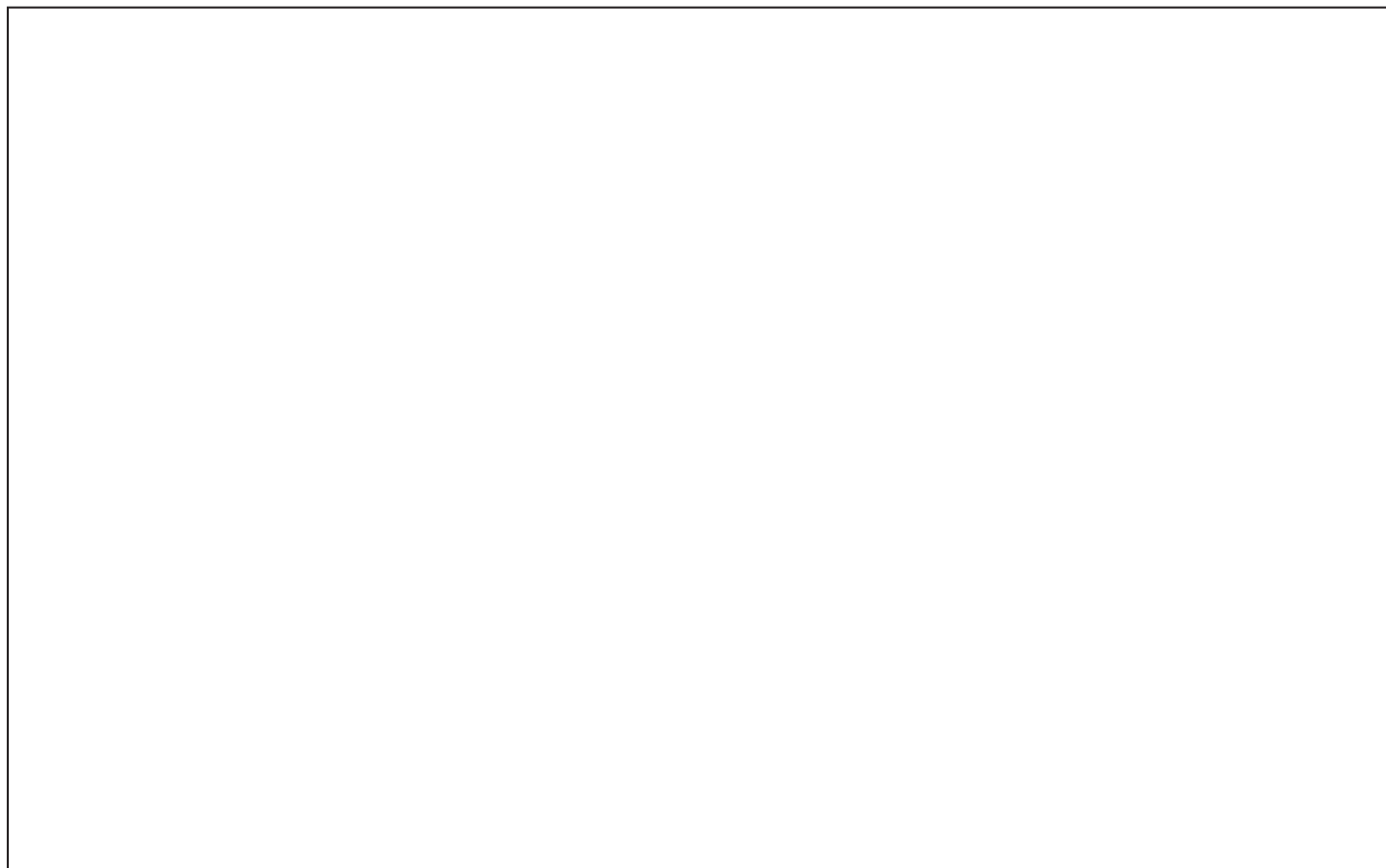
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Col. Steve Werner  
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Pam Brown  
777-8282  
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**Military Personnel**  
Maj. Dianne Dzialo  
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Jim Finley  
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Robert Daniel  
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Capt. Marlon Johnson  
494-6334  
**45th Security Forces Squadron**  
Maj. Lynden Skinner  
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John Brett  
494-7171  
**45th Medical Group**  
Col. Gilbert Hansen  
494-8100  
**Ground Safety**  
Paul Compton 494-4023  
**Inspector General**  
Lt. Col. Frank Miles  
494-4373



**Saturday Brunch** - Cajun meat loaf, \*crispy-baked chicken, rib eye 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** - Lasagna, spaghetti with meatballs, chicken cacciatore, Italian sausage, \*pasta primavera  
**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  
**Dec. 19 Lunch** - Beef and corn pie, pea and pepper rice, \*seafood Newburg, veal paprika steak  
**Dec. 19 Dinner** - Yankee pot roast, \*simmered corn beef, pineapple chicken  
Menu's are subject to change. For more information, please call dial-a-menu at 494-2845. \*healthy choice







## At the movies

**Friday - *Mystic River*** Jimmy, Dave and Sean find themselves thrust back together by the murder of Jimmy's 19-year-old daughter. As the investigation tightens round these three friends, an ominous story unfolds that revolves around friendship, family and innocence lost too soon. Stars Sean Penn, Kevin Bacon. Rated R for language and violence.

**Saturday - *Scary Movie 3*** Cindy has graduated from college and now works as a local television reporter. While investigating mysterious crop circles at the farm of Tom Logan, she learns that she is "The One" and helps the President of the United States prevent an alien invasion. Stars Anna Faris, Charlie Sheen. Rated PG-13 for pervasive crude and sexual humor, language, comic violence and drug references.

**Sunday - *Brother Bear*** Kenia, a young Native American's older brother, is killed by a bear. During the young man's attempt to avenge his death by killing the bear, the Great Spirits transform the young man into the thing he detests most, a bear. Stars Joaquin Pheonix, Jeremy Suarez. Rated G for mild language and thematic elements.

**Thursday - *Scary Movie 3*** See Saturday's synopsis.

*Movie times are at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tickets for adults are \$2.50, children 11 and younger pay \$1.50.*



### Catholic

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

Saturday: 4 p.m. confession and 5 p.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Mass in the South Patrick Chapel and 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Seaside Chapel.

Religious Education: 10:15 a.m. at the

Education Center for pre-K - 6th grade, grades 7-12 Youth Ministry at 6 p.m. at South Patrick Chapel.

### Protestant

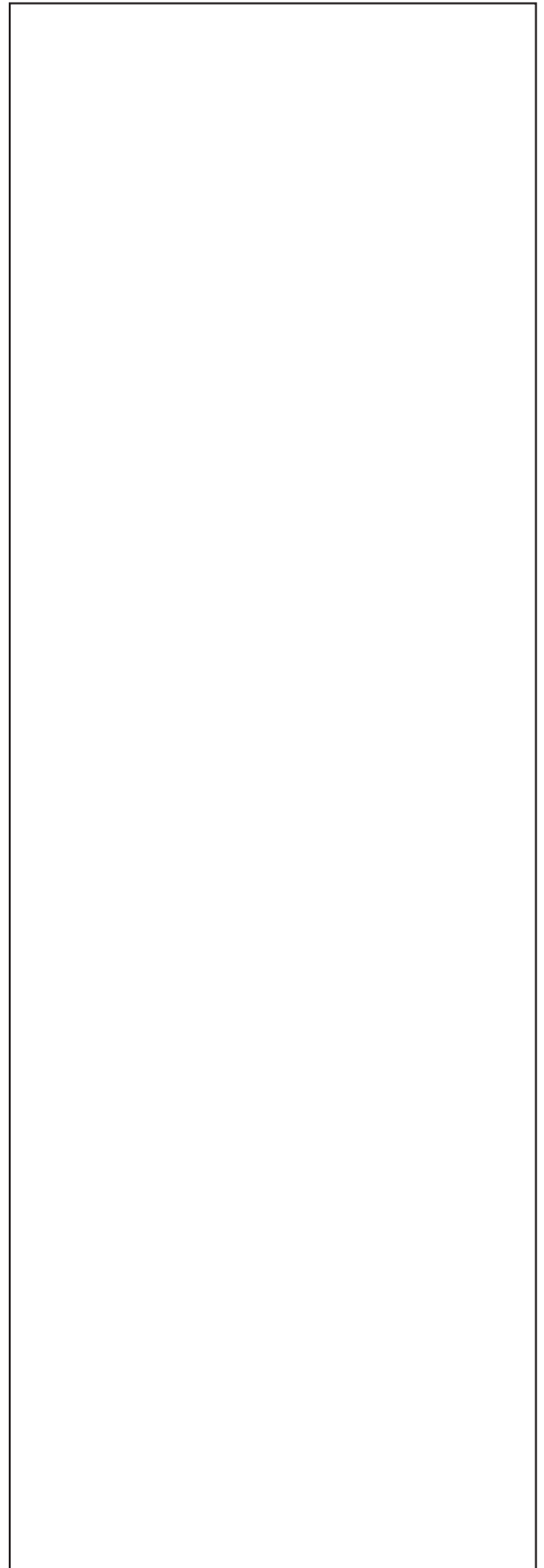
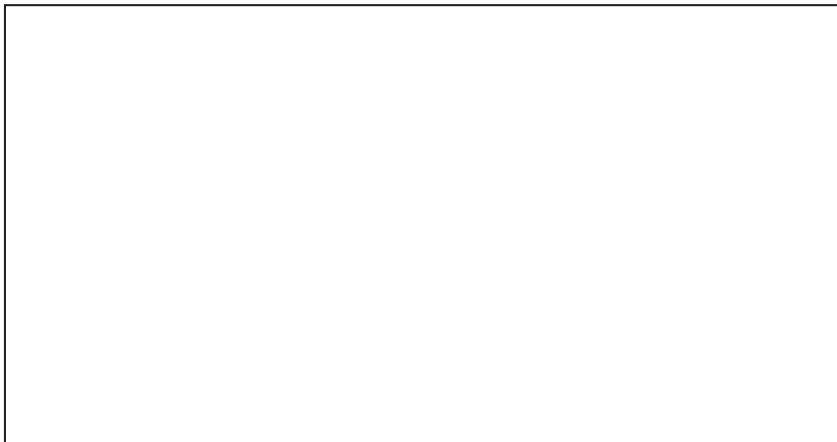
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Seaside Chapel.

9:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Seaside Chapel

10 a.m. Grades K-12 at South Patrick Chapel. Van transportation provided for base children.

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

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





### Events

Sat.-Sun., 5:30-9:30 p.m., Holiday Nights At The Zoo at the Brevard Zoo in Melbourne. Program includes tons of real snow fall as the park is transformed into a winter wonderland, illuminated holiday fantasy train ride, candlelight kayaking and holiday tree park with marshmallow roasting. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages 2-12 and \$1 off for members. Call 242-9453.

Sat., 9 a.m., Breakfast with Santa at Sandrift Community Center, Titusville. Event includes breakfast, filled stocking, and photo with Santa. \$5 per child. Registration required, limit 150. Call 264-5037.

### Concerts

Sun., 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., 2nd Annual Flutes and Voices of Christmas Concert. The first concert is at the Suntree Methodist Church at 7400 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, and the second performance will be at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, corner of Fifth Ave. and Riverside Drive, Indialantic. Program features 62 musicians and singers of The Space Coast Flute Orchestra and The Indialantic Chamber Singers. Admission is free but donations are accepted. Call 773-2511.

Sun., 1 p.m., Holiday Benefit Concert at the King Center for Performing Arts, 3865 Wickham Rd., Melbourne. Program features the Brevard Symphony Youth Orchestra. Admission is canned food or unwrapped new toy for the Sharing Center. Call 254-9583.

Dec. 16, 7 p.m., A Country Christmas concert and program by George Hamilton IV from the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville at the Cocoa Baptist Church. No set price, donations only. Call 636-2868.





