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Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

## Loading up

Members of the 45th Space Wing board an HC-130 during an Engine Running Onload as part of the wing's deployment exercise Aug. 18. The exercise tested deployment readiness for personnel in Unit Type Codes for Air Expeditionary Force 7/8 rotation.

# Commander says goodbye to wing, Air Force

**By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Kreft**  
45 SW Public Affairs

After two years of top-rated readiness inspections, a record-setting air show, numerous successful launches and a myriad of groundbreaking construction and development projects, the 45th Space Wing will wish a final farewell to its commander Aug. 26.

Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich will turn over the reigns of the 45th SW to Col. Mark Owen in a ceremony at 9 a.m. in Memorial Plaza. The ceremony marks the official hand-over of leadership for all military and civilian operations on the bases and all of the space assets of the Eastern Range.

Gen. Pavlovich will retire after his two-year stint at the Space Coast. He and his wife Deb made the decision to conclude his 30-year Air Force career after their tour here because they felt the timing was right.

"Retiring from the Air Force is a tough decision, but anyone who has gone through it will tell you the same thing - you just know when it is time,"

said Gen. Pavlovich.

"It was a decision that I made together with my wife ... Air Force life has impacted her as much as me - maybe even more. It is a life we wouldn't trade for anything, but we just know our time is now."

The general made it clear that spending the last part of his military career with the 45th SW is a decision he will cherish.

"I couldn't have asked for a better assignment. Many important milestones have occurred during my tenure and I'm proud to have been a part of them - a successful launch record, including bringing the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle on line, getting an Outstanding on our Operational Readiness Inspection, winning the title of best space lift wing and countless others," said Gen. Pavlovich.

"But what you remember most of all are the people you worked alongside. And you remember the projects you took on to make things better for the personnel working with you."

More than anything, the general

hopes to leave behind a desire to continue with the START principles instituted during his duty time here.

"We improved our processes for military and civilian service employees (with START) - improving communication, a better understanding of each other's roles, understanding how every individual is an important part of the mission, instituting supervisor hiring processes, and instituting civilian force development."

The future holds a variety of opportunities for the Pavlovich family. They have not made an ultimate decision on where to settle, but they look at the Space Coast as a familiar and friendly place to call home for now because of the good relationship between military members and the community.

"The relationship we have with our neighbors is unparalleled. (The Air Force) has an outstanding working and living partnership with all of the communities around the base," he said. "I feel like our community members share the same values that we do, and that makes for a great relationship."



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

In true 45th Space Wing fashion, the quick reaction and tenacious execution of hurricane procedures safeguarded Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station from Hurricane Charley this weekend.

Those of you who were doubters on Wednesday became believers Friday when the storm took a sudden right turn, bringing the track closer to the Space Coast than originally plotted. But despite experiencing significant winds at both installations, we had only minor damage to facilities and some vehicles.

And while we can consider ourselves lucky, mostly we can consider ourselves prepared. It was because of everyone's hard work that we "weathered" the storm so well.

It was a true team effort in getting facilities and launch vehicles secured. We had three launch vehicles in various phases of processing and additional space hardware on station, including boosters and satellites, among other things. Despite the complexity and challenge of safeguarding these parts and keeping them on track for their upcoming launch dates, in every case the right decisions were made and the right actions taken in safeguarding these national assets. Close coordination with our launch mission partners translated into no significant damage or delays by Hurricane Charley - despite gusts at the Cape upwards of 90 miles per hour.

On the facilities front, the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron did a phenomenal job getting our facilities prepped. A HURCON 1 declaration is typically made 12 hours out from high winds, but the path of Charley made such a late turn that they had to respond with only five or six hours lead time before the weather was expected to intensify. The same was true at the Cape with Space Gateway Support running its checklists and getting the CCAFS "batted down" in time for high winds.

The 45th Weather Squadron did an outstanding job throughout, keeping everyone informed throughout the duration of the storm. It was pure synchronization, especially with our mission partners as weather liaisons kept in constant contact with our major mis-

sion partners. Our diverse mission here with the Naval Ordnance Test Unit, Kennedy Space Center, 920th Rescue Wing, the Air Force Technical Applications Center and Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute means a lot of moving parts. Commanders at these units have their own decisions to make about important missions, assets and people, and the Weather Squadron provided the right information at the right time so these critical decisions could be made in advance of deteriorating weather.

The Command Post was also at the heart of the communication. They were able to pass along information in a timely manner to ensure senior leadership were kept apprised of the weather impacts. When tornadic activity was identified on radar, the base siren alerted dorm and housing residents.

It was a tremendous effort across the board by all agencies! The erratic path of Hurricane Charley was just another reminder that you have to maintain a healthy respect for Mother Nature. Take these storms seriously!

And speaking of seriously, we're back at it again this week testing our deployment skills. This is also a timely assessment as the wing prepares to send off AEF 1/2. With those 150 folks prepped and ready to go, it is time to look at our 7/8 rotation to ensure we're on course for the next deployment cycle. Although we're still a ways off from that pair's "on call" time - evaluating them now ensures we establish a baseline of readiness and identifies areas needing improvement. It also ensures we have the processes in place to support our deploying personnel, in line with our mission of supporting expeditionary operations. It is one of the most important missions we have. An Air Force member was killed last week in Iraq, reminding us again just how serious this training is.

Meanwhile, we are still moving forward on the launch of an Atlas IIAS next week. This launch is significant not only because it is scheduled to put a National Reconnaissance Office payload into orbit, but because it is the last Atlas IIAS to be launched. How fitting that we fly out this legacy system in the keystone month of our 50th anniversary celebration of Air Force space and missiles.

August has already been, and will continue to be, a busy month. Please keep your head in the game and continue to look out for yourself and each other, especially as we enter the final stretch of our Critical Days of Summer safety campaign.

## A note to our Space Coast family

When Deb and I first came to the 45th Space Wing in June 2004, we were full of expectations. We knew we were coming to one of the most coveted locations and were full of anticipation and excitement about the great area and great mission of Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

Our memories from here are among the most treasured in our Air Force career, not only because of the numerous milestones we've been privileged to have played a part in, but because of the outstanding people with whom we've had the opportunity to serve alongside.

Integrity. Service Before Self. Excellence in All We Do. All of the personnel here - the uniformed personnel, civilians, volunteers, and contractors in the wing and with our mission partners - everyone embodies these values, and it has shown in the recognition garnered with awards at the command and Air Force-level. Best facilities. Benchmark programs. Outstanding squadrons. Exceptional individuals.

During the past 26 months we've seen 45th Space Wing personnel rise to every occasion: an Outstanding on the Operational Readiness Inspection - the first given by Air Force Space Command since April 1999; regaining the Schriever Trophy at Guardian Challenge; and back-to-back command championships for our elite Honor Guard.

This past week's effort with the hurricane was just another example of the level to which our people can perform on a moment's notice.

The reputation of the "world's premier gateway to space" was one we were proud to be selected to lead. And now as we prepare to depart, we have even more respect for the spacelift business and admiration for the people who make that mission happen.

We are grateful for the chance to have served with all of you. We offer Brig. Gen (S) Mark and Sharon Owen best of luck as they soon take the reigns of the finest wing in the Air Force. God bless you all!



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Downed and uprooted trees litter a neighborhood in Titusville after Hurricane Charley. The hurricane brought tornadic activity with it.

## Forget hurricane wives' tales

By Sue Walden

45th SW Public Affairs

Hurricane Charley knocked hard on my door in northwest Titusville. He was mean, rude and left my family without power or water for three hot days. He also left us with the sober awakening that hurricanes can and *will* hit Brevard. Residents beware.

We thought we were prepared, but we weren't totally. Though we were lucky we had no structural damage to our home, others around us weren't. In addition to the tree-snapping winds that roared through our area, so did a tornado – right behind our house – about 50 yards from where we were standing in our home. Next time ... and I'm convinced now that there will be ... we'll go to an interior room and stay there.

The tornado cut a parallel path of destruction in the woods, hopped across the road and ripped through a subdivision uprooting trees and slamming them into porches, cars and peeling back roofs like orange peels.

There will definitely be things to add to next year's *Missileer Hurricane Guide*. Here are just a few of them:

◆ You can never have enough paper

towels and water.

◆ After a hurricane, don't expect your cell phone to work. Expect to be cut off from the world for a while, which is a surreal experience for a newshound like me.

◆ Pack your evacuation bag before a hint of a hurricane – not during a tornado warning and imminent hurricane, like we did.

◆ Be patient – you probably won't have power for a while and it isn't anyone's fault so don't yell at Florida Power and Light when you call them.

◆ After the second day without power and water, it's OK to start chasing power trucks, just don't scare them because some are from out of town. Our knights on metal white horses were from Michigan. Just approach these hard-working people slowly, with a big smile and plenty of gratitude.

And most importantly, don't listen to people like a business owner I met in Titusville last week. She argued the really dumb old wives tale that "Brevard can't get hit by a hurricane because (are you ready for this?) the space shuttles protect us." Brevard, sober up. I did.

## Cape workers save precious assets from Charley's wrath

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Kreft  
45th SW Public Affairs

The estimated insured damage numbers for Hurricane Charley are expected to reach approximately \$11 billion, but here at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station military members and contract officials managed to secure and prepare more than \$25 billion worth of assets before the weather could destroy it.

"The 3rd (Space Launch Squadron) alone had 107 total facilities to secure before the hurricane," said Master Sgt. Randall Harmon, 3rd SLS Support Flight superintendent. "We worked hand-in-hand with the contractors to guarantee the assets were safe and secure, which was quite a task with the limited number of people on-hand. We had to physically go to each building and verify the security of each one."

One specific obstacle the group overcame was the malfunctioning Universal Environmental Shelter door at Complex 40, the largest hinged door in the world. They rolled the Mobile Service Tower with the UES door closed, a task that had been performed once in 10 years. To do this the team moved several of the umbilical tower platforms so the MST could be placed into its secured position.

"The execution from our people was outstanding, especially having to overcome something as significant as that," said Master Sgt. Harmon.

But each squadron at the Cape had a hand in ensuring the resources they work with on a daily basis were properly protected for the inclement weather.

The 5th has two rockets being readied for launch, with the last Atlas IIAS sitting on Space Launch Complex 36A on schedule to fly within two weeks of the hurricane. The second rocket, the Delta IV Heavy, currently resides on SLC 37. Both rockets needed critical preparation to ensure they weathered out the hurricane unhurt.

"Working with both Lockheed Martin and Boeing contractors we ensured rockets, launch structures and any additional support facilities and equipment were secure prior to the Friday night weather moving in," said Master Sgt. Bill Shelden, 5th SLS Atlas flight superintendent.

"Overall both the Atlas V and Delta IV 5th SLS teams united

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## Key Staff Q&A:

Col. David Cox  
IMA to the 45th SW  
Commander

**Q. What is the primary function of the IMA to the commander?**

**A.** The primary function of the Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the commander is to be his primary advisor on AF Reserve forces assigned to the wing. This includes who should be assigned, where they should be assigned, and how they should be used to support the wing mission. I also advise the group and squadron commanders whenever they have questions about the reserve program. I'm also a backup for the wing commander and the vice commander in their absence.

**Q. What is the most interesting part of your job?**

**A.** The most interesting part of my job is being able to back up the wing commander as a Spacelift Commander for our nation's space launch capability. Having a hand in launching satellites is an awesome experience.

**Q. How does your position contribute to overall mission effectiveness?**

**A.** IMAs and other reservists who live in the local area work within the wing in many key positions. I work with the commanders to make sure they have the folks they want and need to best support our wing mission.



# Commissary renovations complete

**By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery**  
45th SW Public Affairs

The Patrick Air Force Base Commissary celebrated completion of major renovations Wednesday during a reopening ceremony.

Bonnie Kanitz, Defense Commissary Agency eastern region director, addressed the crowd of commissary patrons, praising them for their patience with the construction and assured them that DECA is always taking strides to improve customers needs and shopping experience.

"I want to thank customers and the installation for their cooperation during the project," she said. Ms. Kanitz said she knows how inconvenient it can be at times shopping around construction.

"Commissary employees and patrons have shown great patience during the project," said Ron Rogers, Commissary director.

Ms. Kanitz gives the staff an "A+" for keeping service as close to 100 percent as they could during construction. "It took a lot of planning on the part of the commissary staff," she said.

According to Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, Mr. Rogers is constantly working hard to give Patrick AFB the

best commissary.

"In my 29 years of service, Mr. Rogers is the best commissary manager I've ever met," he said. "He knows what's best for the store and the people who work here."

Mr. Rogers explained why he works hard at his job every day.

"We do something every day that not many people get to do," he said. "We get to feed the men and women who serve our country, whether they serve now or served in the past."

The \$5 million project spanning over the past year replaced the store's refrigeration system, and added a new air conditioning system, new roof and energy efficient lighting.

"The new coolers and lights will save the commissary a lot of money in energy costs," explained Max Kraftchick, DECA's Florida zone manager.

With only a few small details to be completed, Ms. Kanitz says she's excited to see the project coming to a close.

"Knowing we have a great facility for our customers is very exciting," she said. "There is a great feeling of satisfaction knowing the job is done and we are providing a great service."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

**Bonnie Kanitz, Defense Commissary Agency eastern region director, addresses patrons at the commissary reopening ceremony Wednesday.**

# Enlisted Picnic

## Aug. 27

### 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## at Chevron Park

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- ◆ entertainment
- ◆ door prizes

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*Dedicated - 4 July 2003*

# Course prepares chiefs for strategic leadership

**By Jon Sladek**

*Air University Public Affairs*

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – A new course aims to eliminate some of the obstacles newly promoted chiefs may encounter.

The Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, developed at the Air Force Senior NCO Academy at Gunter Annex, becomes the fourth level of professional military education for enlisted Airmen.

"This course is not a repeat of any other level of PME," said Chief Master Sgt. David Andrews, Air Force Senior NCO Academy commandant. "For the first time, we will focus on the strategic level of leadership for enlisted personnel."

"This course accurately reflects that there is more growth and development to be done once a person makes chief master sergeant," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray.

Everything the chiefs learn will deal with issues at the wing-level and above.

More than 46 active-duty, Guard and Reserve chiefs will arrive for a workshop to assist in the final stages of development for the course. The chiefs, representing every major command, will provide feedback as subject-matter experts.

The workshop is designed to mirror the actual eight-academic-day course, which will include having the chiefs sit in the same classes future students will attend.

"Rather than bring in a bunch of new chiefs (for the first class), we asked the Air Force to send us experienced chiefs with vastly diverse work histories and career fields to attend the initial run, then assist in perfecting the course with critiques and constructive feedback," Chief Andrews said.

The chief said one course objective is teach-

ing attendees how to effectively communicate with their audiences and how to deal with the media.

"These are things chiefs used to have to learn through the school of hard knocks. Now, they will be better prepared," Chief Andrews said.

While countless people provided assistance and input for course development, none were more instrumental than those assigned to the College for Enlisted PME, Chief Andrews said. The college worked feverishly from October 2003 to June 2004 to complete lesson plans and course objectives.

The first class tentatively is scheduled for February 2005; attendees will come from the November chief's promotion release. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service.)



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with the contractors to ready four independent pads, three different launch towers, one Vertical Integration Facility and other major support facilities - quite a feat for a government launch team comprised of only 20 officers and enlisted personnel," said Master Sgt. Shelden.

All loose equipment or debris around each CCAFS facility had to be brought inside protected buildings or secured to the ground. And with an area as vast as the Cape, that is clearly a daunting task.

"We inspected all of our facilities and made sure that each and every piece of flight hardware was accounted for and protected from the weather," said Capt. Sam Little, 1st SLS director of engineering. "We had to put our satellites back into shipping containers and store them inside our structures which we knew could withstand winds up to 115 miles per hour."

The 1st SLS also had their large MSTs to lock into place so the high winds couldn't affect or damage them.

"All this made for an extremely busy three or four days, but it was well worth it. Our team pulled together well to make certain that we would be able to continue with smooth launch operations once the hurricane passed," said Capt. Little.

"It was a significant effort on the part of our people to get it all done, but they finished the tasks well before Hurricane Charley reached our shores." Master Sgt. Richard Allen Launch Control Group hurricane condition coordinator.

**AF seeks career enlisted aviators**

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Opportunities for Airmen to become enlisted aviators are taking off as nine aircrew specialties are opening up for retraining.

The Air Force's senior enlisted aviator said more than 360 training slots are available for enlisted Airmen in ranks senior airman through master sergeant.

Chief Master Sgt. Tim Steffen, enlisted aviator career field manager, said the service has been aggressively recruiting enlisted fliers through several avenues, including notices on monthly leave and earnings statements and "head hunters."

"Our recruitment drive has quickly gained momentum, and considering all the fantastic opportunities available, it's hard to believe so many positions remain unfilled," Chief Steffen said.

First-term Airmen assigned to units within the continental United States may not apply before the first duty day of the month in which they complete 35 months of their enlistment (59 months for six-year enlistees). They must apply before the last duty day of the 43rd month of the enlistment (67 months for six-year enlistees). Airmen stationed overseas may apply between the 15th and ninth month before the date they are eligible to return providing they will enter the 35th month of service (59th for six-year enlistees) on or before their return date.

Many of the retraining slots became available with the release of the fiscal 2005 non-commissioned officer retraining program, the chief said. "Flying duties are incredibly challenging and extremely rewarding," he said. "Along with the chance to fly all over the world, another great reason for becoming a CEA is the incentive pay."

CEAs are entitled to a monthly incentive pay based on the number of years of aviation service, not rank. Specifically, Airmen with four years or less of aviation service receive \$150 per month. Airmen with more than four years earn an extra \$225, and those with more than eight years earn \$350. Airmen with more than 14 years of aviation service collect \$400.

Positions are available for in-flight refueling specialists, flight engineers, loadmasters, airborne communications and electronics specialists, airborne battle management systems specialists, airborne mission systems specialists, flight attendants, aerial gunners and airborne cryptologic linguists.

Contact the 45th Space Wing military personnel flight at 494-2035 for more information, or visit the dot-mil restricted CEA Web site at <https://www.xo-hq.af.mil/xoo/xoot/xoota/CEA/cea.htm>.



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# Good resumé powerful tool to winning job

**By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery**

*45th SW Public Affairs*

*This is part two in a series of articles focusing on the issue of military separation and how to prepare.*

A good resumé can ease the stress of finding employment for a separating military member.

"The purpose of a resumé is only to get an interview," said Lillian Cassidy, Family Support Center community counselor. "It is not an autobiography. It should stress what makes a person special."

In all aspects of transition from military to civilian life, planning is essential. When writing a resumé, a person has to have a strategic plan, explained Ms. Cassidy. A person should know what kind of job they're looking for before they begin the process of writing a resume.

"Shotgun resumés don't work," she said. "No one resumé can mean all things to all employers."

Ms. Cassidy recommends a person have two or three working resumes, and tailor them to specific positions.

When tailoring a resumé, a person should be aware of what the job announcement is looking for.

"You need to extract the important information the company is

looking for, and highlight those items on your document," she explained.

Special attention should be taken when filling out or posting a resumé on the Internet.

"A person needs to follow the instructions very carefully," said Ms. Cassidy. "If the instructions are not followed, there is a chance the document will not be recorded or posted."

The goal of a resumé is to promote a person's best qualities and qualifications, said Ms. Cassidy.

According to Ms. Cassidy, references play a big role in a companies decision to ask for an interview.

"A reference can make or break a person's ability to secure employment," she said. "A person needs to prepare their references so when a business calls, they will be prepared to highlight the best qualities of the applicant."

Without prepping, said Ms. Cassidy, the reference cannot properly promote a person.

"A copy of the resumé should be given to the reference with key points highlighted."

The required information for a resumé, according to Ms. Cassidy, should be: Identification including name, address, phone number and e-mail address; education, includ-



ing military and civilian above high school; and work experience, from most recent to most distant.

There is optional information, said Ms. Cassidy that may not be required, but might stand out to employers.

"In the case of military members, security clearance is a major

bonus," she said. "The cost of acquiring clearance may be more than a company will invest in a person."

Not matter what position a person want once he or she leaves the military, a well-written resumé goes a long way to getting a person's foot in the door.

PROMO





# Heat continues to affect force in waning summer days

**By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Kreft**  
45 SW Public Affairs

Though the summer months are drawing to an end, natives of this southern region know some of the hottest days of the year could still be ahead, and that means working conditions for many Air Force members could still be very dangerous.

Heat caused 15 incidents for the 45th Space Wing in 2003. Most of these injuries were caused by a lack of education on the proper rehydration and protection steps necessary in the sweltering climate.

"The important thing to remember is that you can become dehydrated before your body gives you signs that it is hot and needs replenishment," said Capt. Michelle Waiters, 45th SW Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron. "The best method to prevent heat related injury is regular and sufficient water intake, and a healthy diet."

Military operations involving elevated air temperatures, radiant heat sources, direct physical contact with hot objects or strenuous physical activities all have a high potential for inducing heat stress in the work force.

"It is imperative that people pay attention to the conditions which will affect their hydration level and body temperature and ensure that they compensate for the heat with plenty of non-carbonated fluids," said Capt. Waiters.

While it is regularly discussed that the temperature outdoors can be harmful to an individual performing laborious tasks, it is also just as dangerous for those simply standing in for-

mation for various ceremonies.

"In the summertime we have a lot of change-over ceremonies and other type of formal procedures that require people to stand in formation outdoors for extended periods of time," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Dan Berk, 45th Medical Group chief of staff. "This kind of event is not normal for the body, and our people should know that even this kind of non-arduous activity when combined with the heat can cause significant bodily changes."

Because the body reacts to the heat carrying a higher amount of blood to the surface of the body to cool it off, more blood flows away from the brain and usually pools into the lower part of the body when muscles in the legs and torso are not moving around.

"This causes people to pass out and injure themselves by knocking out teeth or breaking bones. The limp body doesn't usually stand a chance against gravity, so people need to drink plenty of water and keep moving around to keep their brain happy in the heat," said Col. Berk.

The high humidity rates in an area like the Space Coast make all of these warnings much more important.

"Throughout the Air Force we have quite a few problems with the heat of the summer, because people forget how serious heat prostration or heat exhaustion can be. We don't ever drink enough fluids, because we always have a tendency to think we are invincible and we don't give our bodies normal breaks and rests," said Chuck Gaudi, 45th SW ground safety specialist.



"But the humidity is so high down here your body is especially at risk because it can't naturally cool itself down since the sweating process is hindered," said Mr. Gaudi. "A good intake of water would be a quart an hour for a person doing heavy lifting or strenuous work. That is a lot of water, but it's what your body needs."

With outdoor cleanup and recovery efforts from Hurricane Charley taking place around the wing, Mr. Gaudi also suggests members consider this a prime example of a time when outdoor activity will be very strenuous, so people should make an effort to take care of their bodies.

"I was out this weekend cutting and moving trees all over the place," he said. "It was hot and humid, and it's a perfect illustration of a time when many people might neglect their bodies and get hurt."

## SHARKS OF THE WEEK

**Who:** 2nd. Lt. Travis Longmire and Ms. Kathy Winters

**Where:** 45th Weather Squadron

**When:** Days and hours before Hurricane Charley

**Exceeding the standard:** Lt. Longmire and Ms. Winters exceeded the standard by providing exceptional weather services as Hurricane Charley ripped through Florida. Their efforts and attention to detail in developing, coordinating and disseminating timely hurricane information guaranteed the protection of billions of dollars of assets throughout the 45th SW, Kennedy Space Center and several off-base organizations. Lt. Longmire and Ms. Winters' tenacious execution and ability to synchronize unit actions under stressful conditions proved pivotal in meeting the increased workload that accompanied Hurricane Charley. Outstanding job Travis and Kathy!

-Maj. Todd McNamara, Weather Operations Center flight commander



Lt. Longmire



Ms. Winters

## 101 Critical days of summer safety quiz

The first correct response e-mailed to the 45 SW/SEG at 45swseg@patrick.af.mil, after 9 a.m. Tuesday morning following date of publication will receive a prize from the 45th Space Wing Safety Office. Entries received before 9 a.m. will not be counted. Winners will be contacted by SEG to receive their prize and their name will be announced in the next issue of the Missileer.

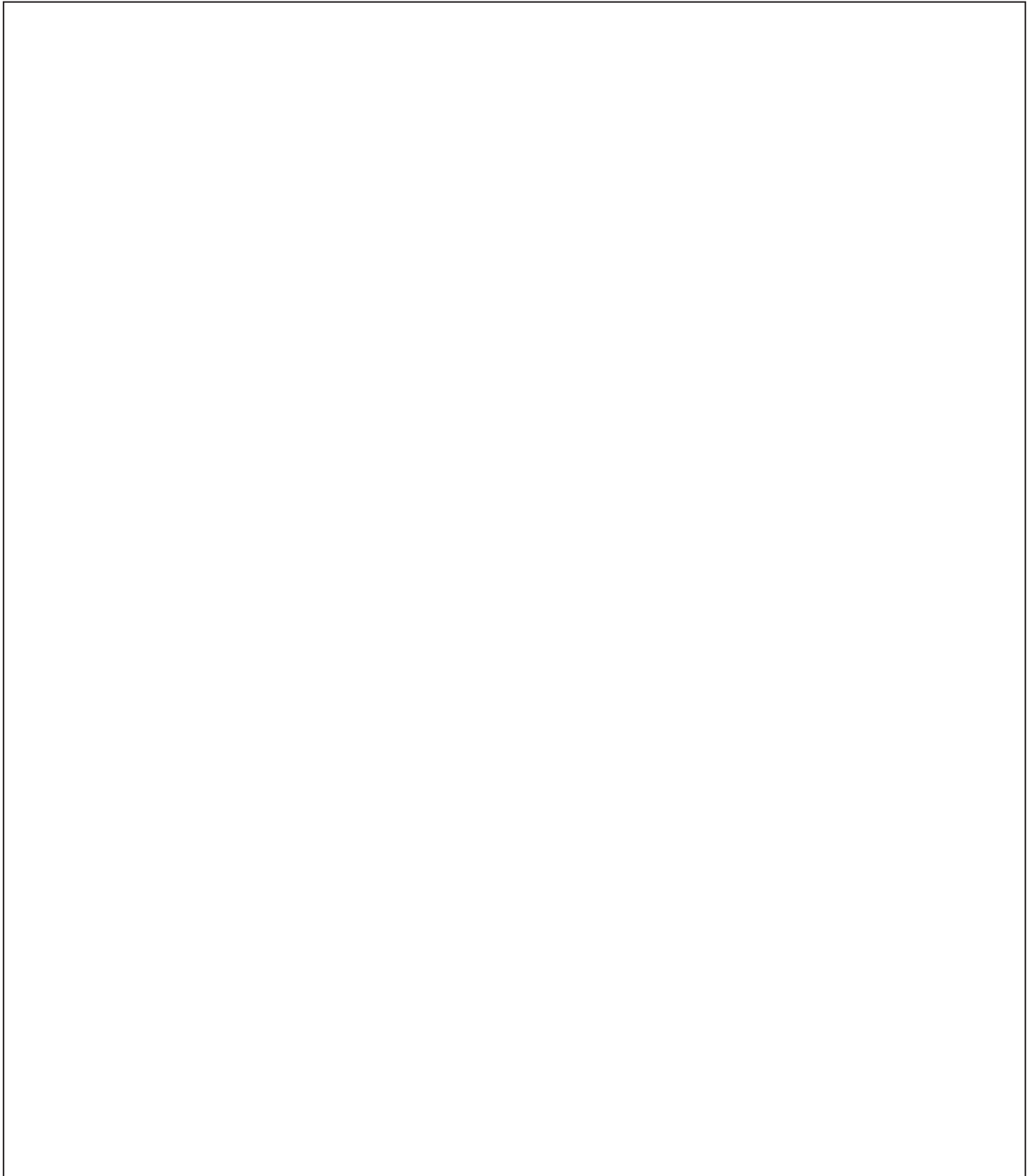
- 1) How many fatalities has the Air Force sustained during the 101 Critical Days of Summer through Aug. 11?
- 2) How many of those fatalities involved Private Motor Vehicles (PMV)?
- 3) How many of those fatalities involved motorcycles?
- 4) How many of those fatalities were on-duty?
- 5) How many of those fatalities involved alcohol?

Aug. 13 Answers

- 1) Go-Peds are not authorized anywhere on PAFB.
- 2) Loss of base driving privileges for 30 days.
- 3) Loss of base driving privileges for one year.
- 4) Helmet, white light on front of bike and red light on the back
- 5) Five miles-per-hour speed limit in base parking lots.

Hint: Answers can be found on the Air Force Safety Center Web site.

Winner for Aug. 6: Tech. Sgt John Daniel 45 MDG/ADOS. There was no winner for the Aug. 13 quiz.



### Scheduled calls

Officer and Enlisted calls are today at 3:30 p.m. Officers and senior civilians meet at the Patrick's Officer's Club – guest speaker is Mr. Jim Kennedy, Kennedy Space Center director. Enlisted call will be held at the NCO Club.

### New URL for forms

The DoD Forms Program has a new Universal Resource Locator. The Web site is now available at [www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/info-mgt/forms/formsprogram.htm](http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/info-mgt/forms/formsprogram.htm). It can also be found under the DoD Issuances site in the right column at [www.dtic.mil/whs/directives](http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives). Currently, there is a redirect to the URL, but this is only available until Sept. 1. Then the old URL will no longer be available. For more information, call Marcia Donahue at 854-4660.

### AFA luncheon scheduled

The Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Air Force Association holds a luncheon at the Officers' Club Aug. 27 at 11:30 a.m. Guest speakers for the event will be Maj. Chris Leavey, 45th Space Wing legal officer and Lt. Col. Chris Kinnan 45th Operations Support Squadron commander. They will tell stories of their recent deployments and bring the war effort into perspective for the attendees. Price is \$10 per person. To reserve a seat, contact Chris Bailey at 868-0288 by Wednesday.

### Respect endangered species

The 45th Space Wing is required to comply with the Endangered Species Act, which covers nesting sea turtles at Patrick AFB. Housing residents should be aware of the policies pertaining to the turtles, specifically by maintaining the proper lighting around the homes. Residents may obtain the mandatory low-pressure sodium bulbs (which prevent unnecessary disorientation for the

turtles) at the Self-Help store, Bldg. 1060. For more information, call Caroline Jamba at 494-4032.

### Wives' luncheon planned

The Retired Officers' Wives' meeting will be Aug. 27 at the Officers' Club. Featured speaker will be Suzy Fleming Leonard, Florida Today features editor. Lunch will be served at noon, preceded by social time at 11:30 a.m. To make reservation, call Dean Pittman at 777-3044, Helen Sufilas at 727-1146 or Gussie Reichel at 255-6976 by Wednesday.

### Learn something new

The Family Support Center offers a Sign language class on Tuesday, 5-6 p.m.

Call 494-5675 for more information or to register.

### Become an American citizen

A new citizen class is in planned for September for those interested in becoming an American citizen. Class will be held Monday nights. The class is free and open to active duty, DoD civilians, retirees, NAF and AAFES employees and family members. For more information or to make a reservation, call Elsa Kekahuna at 494-5675.

### Reunion scheduled

The first reunion of Eastern Test Range personnel is Aug. 27, 6 p.m. at the Patrick AFB Officers' Club. Reservations are required, and the cost is \$20 per person. Fee is due by Aug. 15 to Ruth Szynaka, 253-8363 or Joyce Hardee, 632-4569.

### ACT test available

The ACT assessment program test is offered to active duty and Reserve members Thursday in

Bldg. 998, Room B-8 at 7:30 a.m. This test can be used for college entry. Call 494-2071 for reservations. Seats are limited.

### Check hurricane lists

Housing residents should be aware of the wing's checklists for hurricane preparation and evacuation. When HURCON conditions are implemented by the wing commander, housing residents are required to follow the checklists contained in the Patrick AFB Survival Handbook given to residents when they move in. A copy of the current handbook may be obtained at the housing office, Bldg. 1060. Call 494-4032 for more information.

### Spaceport Safety Day scheduled

Preparations are under way for Spaceport Super Safety and Health Day 2004 scheduled for Oct. 28.

This annual event was initiated at Kennedy Space Center in 1998 to increase awareness of the importance of safety and health among the KSC workforce.

Visit <http://safetyandhealth.ksc.nasa.gov/> for more information.

### Language class offered

An English for Speakers of Other Languages class is Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Family Support Center, this class is open to all speakers of their languages in need of learning English or polishing up their English speaking and writing skills. The class is free and open to active-duty, DoD civilians, retirees, NAF and AAFES employees and family members.

For reservations or additional information, call Elsa Kekahuna at 494-5675.





# Serving those who serve

**By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery**  
45th SW Public Affairs

With bright eyes and a friendly smile, two AAFES food service workers at Patrick Air Force Base rise with the sun to and team up to keep stomachs full.

Anna DiGregorio and Marty Moehler, have worked together for four years – each day the same as the last. Hungry patrons flock to their American Eatery next to the Patrick AFB Shopette to get in his or her first meal, or a mid-day snack.

"We get awfully busy here in the mornings and around lunch time," said Ms. DiGregorio. "It can be overwhelming at times, but we always come out OK."

Getting up early and going to work is a passion for Ms. DiGregorio who says she is happy

to be providing an important service to members of the wing.

The early hours don't bother her either. Ms. DiGregorio arrives at work at 6 a.m. to begin prepping food for the masses.

"I love the morning air," she said. "I also love the peaceful drive in the morning, before the traffic picks up."

If something is ever troubling Ms. DiGregorio, it can't be seen on her face.

"I always come in with a good attitude, and don't bring anything to work," she said. "I'm here to make other people's day better."

According to Ms. Moehler, teamwork helps keep away the stress of the long lines.

"We take care of each other," she said. "If there is something I don't have time to do, she does it and if there is something she can't do, I do it."

Both ladies have strong ties to the military, which is part of why they enjoy their job so much. Ms. DiGregorio has two sons in the military and Ms. Moehler has two brothers serving and a father who is a retired Marine.

"All the people here are so polite, both the military members and civilians," said Ms. DiGregorio.

With military ties, comes a strong sense of duty. Ms. Moehler has only missed three days of work since starting at the small eatery.

"I love coming to work, and I love the people."



**Marty Moehler slices tomatoes for lunch. More than 100 people visit the American Eatery each duty day.**

Their customers think very highly of Ms. DiGregorio and Ms. Moehler as well.

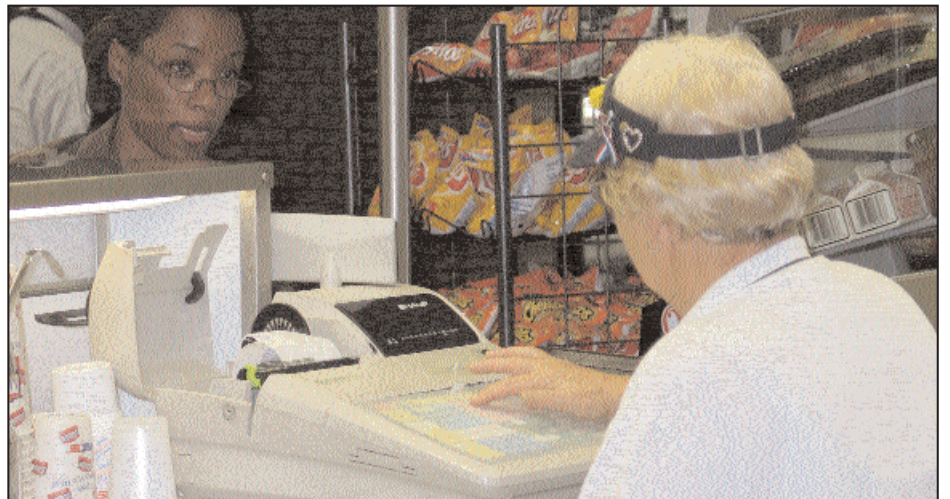
"They are always friendly, the service is quick and the food is good," said Terrence Repicky from Computer Sciences Raytheon. "They are very great and personable people."

With friendly smiles and a goal of satisfying their customers, Ms. DiGregorio and Ms. Moehler keep their patrons and their patron's stomachs happy.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

Anna DiGregorio prepares breakfast for one of many customers grabbing breakfast at the American Eatery at Patrick. Right, Ms. DiGregorio takes an order for breakfast. Ms. DiGregorio is well known by many on base.





# Bridging the gap: Warriors of yesterday and today

By **Tech. Sgt. Bill Lindner**  
AFTAC Public Affairs

A group of Airmen from Patrick Air Force Base recently visited the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West Palm Beach and spent the day with patients in the hospital's extended care facility. The trip was meaningful to both the patients and the active duty Airmen.

"I really enjoyed the exchange with the veterans," said Chief Master Sgt. Tony Manson, command chief for the 45th Space Wing.

"They couldn't say enough about our sharp, professional Airmen and NCOs. Coming from several generations of veterans these are the kinds of comments that make me proud of our enlisted force."

The group met veterans from conflicts ranging as far back as World War II up to the present day and they shared many stories about their experiences.

One patient, George Andrews, served as a medic during World War II. He was wounded twice and spent several months as a prisoner of war. Another veteran, Joseph Lussier, was wounded in the Korean War and has since undergone 30 operations. Some of the patients also talked about their lives outside of the military.

"They really loved the opportunity to talk with our troops," said Chief Master Sgt. Manson.

"I talked to several vets about a variety of subjects, from fishing in Massachusetts to combat operations in Vietnam. Seeing and talking with our young Airmen gave them a sense of pride for their service and unquestionably made their entire day."

During the visit, the Airmen also played



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Bill Lindner

**Master Sgt. James Trull and Senior Airman Jessica DeJesus play a game with some of the patients at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Fla. during the visit by a group of Airmen from Patrick AFB, Fla. July 28, 2004.**

board games with the veterans and helped one of them celebrate his birthday.

There were also some sobering moments, which, although difficult, made the Airmen especially glad they visited the patients and helped to brighten their day. Henry Greenwood, a U.S. Navy World War II veteran, said he lost his wife last February and admitted he "didn't have a home," and wasn't sure how long he would be staying at the hospital.

Fortunately, the patients receive quality medical care and also clothing and recreation services, said Mary Phillips, a recreation therapist at the hospital.

Ms. Phillips added that the extended care facility also has a six-week program for blind and visually impaired patients, that teaches them how to cope with the challenges of daily living.

In many cases, the Airmen gained as much from the experience as the veterans. One patient, Air Force veteran Elmer Smith, offered the Airmen some advice on leadership. He also asked questions about uniforms and dormitory living.

At one point during the visit, the hospital staff asked the Airmen to help serve coffee and cake to the patients. It was a sincere show of respect by those serving now for those who sacrificed so much for the nation.

"It was a very good experience for everyone,"

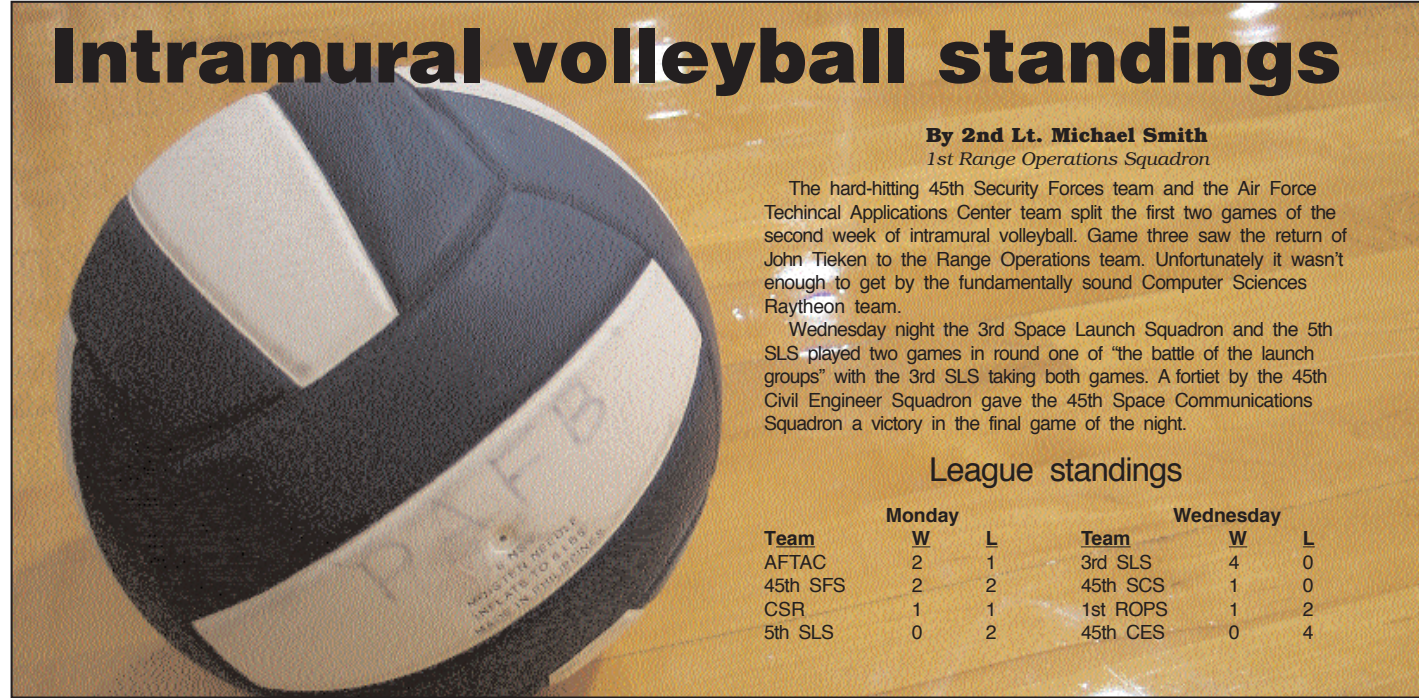
said Airman 1st Class Jessica Garcia, from the Air Force Technical Applications Center. "Right now the base is visiting the hospital twice a year. I hope we start to go more often because some of the patients don't get a lot of visitors and really are excited when we go there."



**Below, Chief Master Sgt. Tony Manson, the 45th Space Wing command chief, spends some time talking with a patient at the veterans center.**

**The visits are an effort organized by the Airmen to reach out to elderly veterans and to gain valuable perspective on the local community.**

# Intramural volleyball standings



**By 2nd Lt. Michael Smith**  
*1st Range Operations Squadron*

The hard-hitting 45th Security Forces team and the Air Force Technical Applications Center team split the first two games of the second week of intramural volleyball. Game three saw the return of John Ticken to the Range Operations team. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to get by the fundamentally sound Computer Sciences Raytheon team.

Wednesday night the 3rd Space Launch Squadron and the 5th SLS played two games in round one of "the battle of the launch groups" with the 3rd SLS taking both games. A fortiet by the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron gave the 45th Space Communications Squadron a victory in the final game of the night.

## League standings

Team	Monday		Team	Wednesday	
	W	L		W	L
AFTAC	2	1	3rd SLS	4	0
45th SFS	2	2	45th SCS	1	0
CSR	1	1	1st ROPS	1	2
5th SLS	0	2	45th CES	0	4





# New-look fitness center

**By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery**  
*45th SW Public Affairs*

The Patrick Air Force Base Fitness Center is undergoing major renovations to provide new equipment and better quality service for its patrons.

Topping the list of new additions is an expansion of the female locker room.

"The female locker room was not adequate to fill the needs of our customers," said Luis Saez, 45th Services Squadron, fitness center director. "The increase in facilities will accommodate the increasing demand of customers.

The addition will provide 138 new lockers along with more shower facilities, bathrooms and vanities.

Included in the construction project is a new 1,000 square-foot room where the Nautilus circuit machines will be moved to provide more space to expand cardio and strength room capabilities, said Mr. Saez. The 17 Nautilus machines will provide squadrons a location to hold circuit training for active-duty members.

The extra space in the cardio room will be sectioned off to be warm-up and cool-down stretching area.

Another major change in the facility is the relocation of the Fit to Go room, said Mr. Saez.

"Fit to Go will still provide the same services," he said. Currently between 130 and 160 lunches are sold each day and Mr. Saez expects the numbers to go up with easier access. The room will move from its upstairs location to the breezeway separating the main lobby and the gymnasium.

The space vacated by Fit to Go will be converted to a 4,000 square-foot, active-duty only, Fit to Fight room.

"We are putting in the best equipment we can for our active-duty members," said Mr. Saez. Included in the room will be four treadmills, bikes and cross-trainers with televisions built into them.

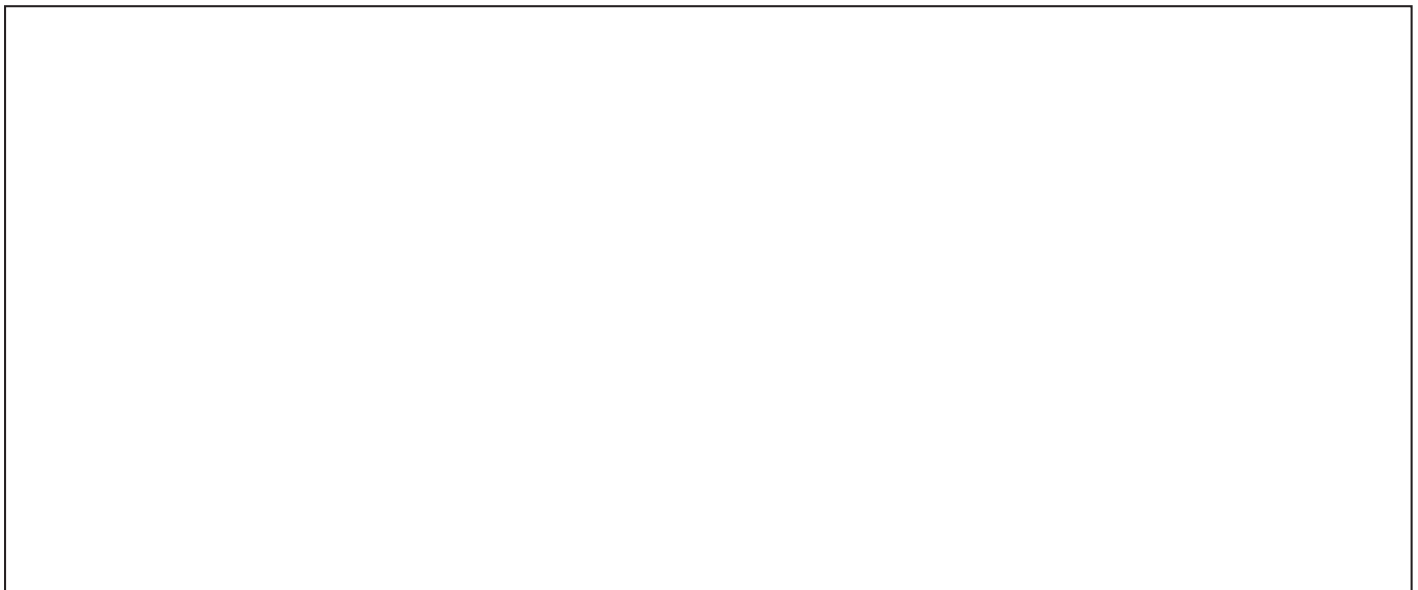
According to Mr. Saez, the project is the last piece of the puzzle to complete the entire facility.

"Our goal is to provide more space and more equipment to accommodate more people," said Mr. Saez. "We want to promote the Fit to Fight campaign and the overall health of our customers."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

**Patrick Air Force Base Fitness Center patrons use the treadmills in the facilities cardio room. The facility is currently undergoing renovations that include a larger womens' locker room, a new Nautilus circuit room and an active-duty only cardio room.**



# SERVICES

## The Calendar

### Friday

▲ The Patrick Club Membership drive continues. Don't miss the antics of the Comics on Duty World Tour appearing live. The show begins at 5:30 p.m. at the NCO Club and 6 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Call the NCO Club at 494-7493 or the Officers' Club at 494-4012 for additional information.

### Tuesday & Wednesday

▲ Family Child Care certification classes are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Bldg 1391. The classes are available for those wishing to offer childcare in base housing. To enroll, call Tina Washington at 494-8381.

### Aug. 27

▲ Don't miss Manatee Cove Golf Course prime rib dinner special at on the last Friday evening of each month, 5-8 p.m. Price is \$13.50 per person. Reservations are required. Call 494-7856.

### Aug. 28

▲ Join fellow fishermen and head to Outdoor Recreation for the end of summer fishing tournament at 7 a.m. Prizes will be awarded in different age groups. Call Terry at 494-9692 for information and to register for the competition.

### Ongoing

▲ Anyone who lives on base and is providing child care for more than 10 hours a week must be licensed through the Family Child Care office. Anyone found providing unlicensed childcare is subject to administrative actions. For additional clarification, please contact Tina Washington at 494-8381 or cell number at 431-4581.










▲ Rent a new deck boat at Outdoor Recreation and explore the Banana River, but first sign up for a safe boating class held every Tuesday and Saturday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The cost is of the class is \$5 and a reservation is recommended, as space is limited. Call 494-2042.

▲ Framing Classes are offered monthly at the Skills Development Center. Two-day classes are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 6-9 p.m. One-day classes are on Mondays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost for the class is \$25 plus materials. Call 494-4270 to register.

## ATWIND BASE RACE COMPETITION

THE MORE PIECES REGISTERED, THE BETTER CHANCES OF WINNING PRIZES.

GAME PIECES REGISTERED

	10,000	15,000	20,000	25,000	30,000
PATRICK					
BUCKLEY 					
FE WARREN					
LOS ANGELES					
MINOT					
PETERSON					
MALMSTROM					
SCHRIEVER					
VANDEBERG 					

(Statistics from ATWIND.com as of Wednesday)

## 'DISCOVER' THE GREAT OUTDOORS

By Theresa Amlong  
45th Services Squadron

Learn how to surf, fish or kayak without breaking the piggy bank. Outdoor Recreation has recently launched Discover programs to introduce people to new outdoor program for \$5, which includes rental equipment.

"The goal of the Outdoor Recreation team is to bring new and exciting programs to the base," said Tony Boob, Outdoor Recreation manager. "We recently initiated Discover programs to introduce people to new outdoor programs."

Brent Edwards, son of Master Sgt. Jim Edwards, 45th Security Forces Squadron, discovered surfing with Outdoor Recreation. "Our instructor was really good," he said of Matt Rollins. "Besides the basics, he taught my brothers and me what to do in case of rip currents. The prices of the Discover programs are really reasonable. My younger brothers were able to take Discover Fishing and now they fish all the time."

The Discover program also gets patrons "feet wet" about Outdoor Recreations many programs. Mr. Edwards next venture is to take scuba

### UPCOMING DISCOVER PROGRAMS

- Sept. 5, 5 p.m. — Discover Fishing
- Sept. 11, 2 p.m. — Discover Kayaking
- Sept. 12, 2 p.m. — Discover Surfing

lessons, though it's not part of the Discover program. "I'm going into pararescue in the Air Force and learning scuba will help with my career field," he said.

"Our scuba program is really popular right now," said Mr. Boob. "On the instruction side we offer Open Water, Advanced Open Water, NITROX, Dive Master and several specialty trainings.". Twice each month Outdoor Rec offers guided, one-day scuba trips. One trip each month is a two-tank sport dive for viewing marine life on the reefs or underwater photography. The other trip is an underwater hunter dive and includes spear fishing and/or lobster hunting.

For more information about these and other Outdoor Recreation activities call 494-9691.

Kellie Mendonca contributed to this article.

# 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 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.

**45th Mission Support Group**  
Col. Edwin Sweedberg  
494-6607

**45th Civil Engineer Squadron**  
Jack Gibson  
494-4041

**North and Central Housing**  
Caroline Jamba  
494-2593

**Pelican Coast**  
Carol Farmer  
777-8282

**45th Services Squadron**  
Lt. Col. Mark McCullohs  
494-8081

**Military Personnel**  
Maj. Dianne Dzialo  
494-2035

**Commissary officer**  
Ronald Rogers  
494-4060

**AAFES**  
Maurice Joiner  
494-6455

**Civilian Personnel**  
Robert Daniel  
494-5238

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

**45th Security Forces Squadron**  
Lt. Col. Lynden Skinner  
494-6202

**Financial Services**  
1st Lt. Andrew Gmytrasiewicz  
494-7171

**45th Medical Group**  
Col. Gilbert Hansen  
494-8100

**Ground Safety**  
Chris Olesnevich  
494-4023

**Inspector General**  
Lt. Col. Frank Miles  
494-4373



### Catholic

Daily Mass (Mon. - Fri.) at 11:30 a.m. in the Seaside Chapel.

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

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

Religious education classes: 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 South Patrick Chapel.

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## RIVERSIDE DINING

*Saturday Brunch* - Cajun meat loaf, **crispy baked chicken**, ribeye steak  
*Saturday Supper* - **Fish amandine**, pork chops w/mushroom gravy, stir fry chicken w/broccoli  
*Sunday Brunch* - Chicken parmesan, sauerbraten, tuna and noodles  
*Sunday Supper* - Fried shrimp, ginger BBQ 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* - BBQ beef cubes, **paprika beef**, pork chop suey  
*Wednesday Lunch* - Southern fried catfish, BBQ ribs, Southern fried chicken, pork chops  
*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  
*Friday Lunch* - Beef and corn pie, pea and pepper rice, **seafood Newburg**, veal paprika steak  
*Friday Dinner* - Yankee pot roast, **simmered corn beef**, pineapple chicken

Menus are subject to change. **Items bolded are healthy choice meals.** For more information, call dial-a-menu at 494-2845.



### Eye spy a hurricane

This view of the outer wall of the eye of Hurricane Charley was taken from a C-130H aircraft Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. With the information the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron collected, the hurricane was upgraded to a Category 4 storm. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tracy L. DeMarco)

## MOVIES

**Friday Anchorman** When feminism marches into the newsroom in the form of ambitious newswoman Veronica Corningstone, Ron, the top-rated anchorman in San Diego is willing to play along at first, as long as Veronica stays in her place, covering cat fashion shows, cooking and other "female" interests. But when Veronica refuses to settle for being eye candy and steps behind the news desk, it's more than a battle between two perfectly coiffed anchor-persons, it's war. Stars Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate. Rated PG-13 for sexual humor, language and comic violence. 91 min.

**Saturday King Arthur** Arthur and his knights have served in the Roman military for 15 years, and now have only one mission to fulfill before being granted their freedom. As the Saxons attack Britain, they must head north to rescue the last Roman officials left in a village. Once there, the Knights of the Round Table set free Guinevere, a fierce fighter imprisoned by the Romans, so they can face the Saxons in battle. Starring Clive Owen and Ioan Gruffudd. Rated PG-13 intense battle sequences, sensuality and language. 126 min.

**Sunday King Arthur** See Saturday's synopsis.

**Thursday Anchorman** See Friday's synopsis.

Movie times are 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.  
 Adults pay \$2.50, children 12 and under pay \$1.50.

## Remember the Membership Drive !

The 2004 "Get in on it" membership drive for the Air Force Clubs begins Sept. 1 and runs through Nov. 30. During the drive all current members (as of Aug. 31) are automatically entered for a chance to win cash prizes. The grand prize is \$3,000 with two \$1,000 prizes and three \$500 prizes.

New club members have a chance to win a separate grand prize of \$3,000 or one of two \$1,000 prizes or three \$500 prizes, and they can receive two months free dues.

For more information call Johnnie Rivera at 494-4422.

## Events

Friday Fest Family Street Party in historic downtown Melbourne from 6-9 p.m. Event features music, kids activities, crafts, rock climbing and chair massages. The event is free. Call 724-1741 for more details.

Saturdays through August, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., the Brevard Zoo holds Summer Saturday Nights. Enjoy the Brevard Zoo after hours and listen to area entertainers. Admission is regular zoo fee. Call 259-2929, for more information.

The Association of the U.S. Army Sunshine Chapter holds a golf tournament to raise money for scholarships, Saturday at Stoneybrook Golf Club in Orlando. The four-person team scramble is \$65 per person. Individual entrants are welcome and will be teamed up by the tournament committee. For more details visit [www.ausa-sunshine.com](http://www.ausa-sunshine.com) or call 435-5003.

Orchid show at Cocoa Expo Sports Center Arena Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Event features orchid exhibits, plant sales, potting booth, growing information and drawings. Cost is \$3 with free parking.

Teen Fest 2004 at Kiwanis Island Park Saturday from 4-10 p.m. Event is for teenagers ages 13-high school senior. Event features live music, free-style contest, inline skate competition, basketball competitions, rock climbing and pizza. Cost is \$7 in advance; \$10 the day of the event. Call 455-1380 for more information.

Jazzmaina at Captain's House at Goode Park Saturday. The event features youth activities,

live entertainment, food and drinks. Admission is free. For more information, call 952-3441.

Stephen Miller Memorial Blues Bash, Sunday at Kiwanis Island Park from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Event features performances by Stephen Miller, Cookie Mariano, Austin Pettit Band, Josh Miller Trio and more. Cost is \$5. For more information, contact 636-7231.

9th annual Family Salsa Festival, Sept. 5 from noon - 8 p.m. at the Wickham Park pavilion in Melbourne. Festival features entertainment by Fifth Avenue, Norberto Ortiz y su Orquesta Mia, Clan de Ruego Reggeton and more. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. For more information, call 253-0363.

Second annual Space Coast Wine Opener, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Florida Marketplace. The event benefits the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and features samples of various wines and dishes from local establishments. Music will be provided by Blue Drag. Cost is \$50. Call 255-5010 for more information.

The University of Central Florida offers military members two free tickets to their Sept. 11 game versus West Virginia University. Free parking has been arranged in two downtown parking lots, with free shuttle bus starting at 4 p.m. Members must report to Gate D to pick up his or her tickets. For more information visit [www.ucfgetmotivated.com](http://www.ucfgetmotivated.com).

## Classes

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 42 offers a boating safety class at Pollak Park in Palm Bay Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost is

\$35 per participant, which includes all materials and a free lunch. Free inspections will also be available. For reservations and information, call 254-0540.

Brevard Association for Advancement of the Blind offers free classes for people with low vision or blindness begin Sept. 10 at the Brevard Association for Advancement of the Blind at 674 S. Patrick Dr. in Satellite Beach. Classes will be held each Friday for eight weeks from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. For enrollment or more information, contact Marge Pailleron at 773-8755.

American Red Cross Family Care-giving Program offers classes on caring for a parent, spouse or friend in a home setting. The program includes nine training modules: assisting with personal care, caring for the caregiver, positioning and helping your loved one move, family care-giving: general care-giving skills, family care-giving: home safety, healthy eating, caring for a loved one with HIV/AIDS, caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, and legal and financial resources. Classes begin Monday and run from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 per module. For more information, contact American Red Cross Space Coast Chapter at 723-7174.

## Theater

The Surfside Players open their 46th season with Neil Simon's classic comedy in three acts "Plaza Suite." Showings are Aug. 27-28 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 29 at 2:30 p.m. Regular ticket prices are \$12, \$11 for seniors and active military and \$7 for students. Call the box office for more ticket information at 783-3127.



