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New vice commander no stranger to space

By Sue Walden

45th SW Public Affairs

Col. Susan Helms, the new 45th Space Wing vice commander, is no stranger to the wing's mission and has a rather unique perspective on it.

She's spent a good part of her career, as she puts it, "inside the pointy end of the mission" – as an astronaut from 1990-2002. "I'm happy to step back and let others do it now. I would now rather take part in the 'blue suit' end of the mission and I couldn't be more excited about the opportunity of being part of the 45th Space Wing," Col. Helms said.

She's also no stranger to Air Force Space Command, as her last assignment was chief of Space Superiority Division of the Requirements Directorate for the past two years. "My last job was basically strategizing on how to make sure we have the freedom to act to, through and from space.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that our ability to use the space medium to navigate, aviate and communicate could be compromised with today's technology, so we have to be on top of it ... one step ahead of 'the bad guys,'" she said.

After less than a week at her job here, Col. Helms is impressed with the men and women of the 45th SW. "The wing is motivated to adhere to excellence," she said. "From the senior staff to the lowest-ranking gate guard, I've seen nothing but professionalism and respect, plus an intense mission focus."

She's spent her Air Force career as an F-15 and F-16 weapons separation engineer and a flight test engineer. Though many understand a test pilot's job, a flight test engineer's role is

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Photo by Carleton Bailie

Rocket power

A Delta II rocket travels through the sky after being successfully launched from Space Launch Complex 17 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Wednesday. The rocket carried satellite for the U.S. Air Force's Global Positioning System. Once operational, the GPS IIR-12 will support military missions and provide a wide variety of civilian directional guidance services.



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich
45th SW commander

Whew! Multiple launch attempts, a hurricane response exercise and jaw-dropping thunderstorms made for a very hectic and sometimes harrowing week. But I wouldn't trade this place or mission for any in the world. Without a doubt, the nature and the importance of what we do for this nation keep us hopping.

Our Delta II launch team had its hands full with this latest GPS mission. Fortunately, Mother Nature cooperated and we successfully launched it Wednesday evening. Hat's off to our folks in Range Scheduling who worked with our various customers to continually free up launch opportunities for this mission. Thanks also to those same customers for being extremely flexible with their requirements. Without them, we could not have resolved the various conflicts that came along with having to reschedule the Delta II until we were able to fly.

After getting the scheduling conflicts ironed out and resolving the technical issues that kept the rocket and its critical payload on the ground last week, threatening weather intervened this week and reinforced Central Florida's reputation as the lightning capital of world.

Even though these fierce storms prevented us from launching initially, fortunately, there were no reported injuries to our people or their families due to lightning. On the positive side, we desperately need the rain.

Bottom line: even though this GPS satellite will provide critical support to our war fighters in the war on terror, we were not going to rush getting it into space. We will not take unnecessary risks just to launch quickly. Our launch team remained patient and executed a flawless launch. We launched this one for the "Gipper" and I know he would have been proud!

Today, we celebrate another mission success, but before long it will be time to re-roll up our sleeves, jump back into the fight and work with Lockheed Martin to launch a National

Reconnaissance Office satellite on the last Atlas IIAS mission. Then, we will focus with Boeing and NASA on a fascinating Delta II mission to study Mercury's characteristics and environment.

So, in sequence we launched a navigation satellite to help our troops fighting the war on terror; and hope to follow that up with an NRO spacecraft that will provide invaluable data to our national leadership and a scientific probe that will help us unlock the mysteries of the planet Mercury. It just doesn't get any better than that. The eyes of the world are indeed upon us.

Those missions speak to why this is the assignment of assignments in our Air Force. And with this being the summer PCS season, we have several newcomers arriving to help carry out our wondrous mission. Obviously, I cannot list all of newcomers here, but I do need to say welcome to our new vice commander, Col. Susan Helms. What a heck of a first week for her to get broken in. As most of you know, Col. Helms spent several years with NASA as an astronaut and most recently served at Headquarters Air Force Space Command. She brings lots of unique experience, leadership and vision to our team. She demonstrated those qualities while running many aspects of our hurricane exercise.

I would also like to welcome our new Mission Support Group Commander, Col. Ed Swedberg, his wife Laurie and their daughter. Col. Swedberg comes to us from the Pentagon. He, too, is a great asset for the 45th Space Wing. Those of you who haven't met them are in for a real treat.

On the flip side, we have to say good-bye to two families who have contributed great things to this wing and this community: the Thomases and the Werners. I bid fond farewells to Col. Everett Thomas, his wife Melody and to Col. Steve Werner, his wife Kathy and their children. We will miss their friendship and leadership. Great things are in store for them all.

Something that all of our newcomers will discover is that the 45th Space Wing is keenly attuned to safety. That's why today we are having a unique event called the "Group Safety Feud" at the base theater at 9 a.m. in preparation for the upcoming 4th of July weekend. Representatives from each of our groups will be pitted against each other to see who knows the most about safety.

Our safety office planned this event to be a fun and educational way to get people fired up about safety. It is a mandatory formation, but don't go simply because you have to. Go because you understand how important you are to your families and us. Go because you want to do all you can to learn what you can about ensuring your safety. See you there!

Also on the safety and security front, there are a couple things I need to tell you about. First, a company called "ATI Courses" out of Clarksville, Md. is mailing out an advertisement mailed in a silver cardboard tube measuring about 12 inches in length, with a 2 1/2 inch diameter. When you remove the cap, you hear a verbal warning that counts down from five, and then gives the sound of an explosion or rocket blast.

In essence, as unbelievable as it seems, this thing is a fake bomb this company is sending out as part of a marketing promotion. What I am telling you is this; if you get anything in the mail like this or anything else suspicious from someone you do not know, don't take a chance. Call Security Forces immediately.

Secondly, Coca-Cola is running a promotion where from May 17-July 12, approximately 120 cans of Coke with GPS locators inside will be hidden in specially marked 12, 18, 20 or 24 packs.

While I admit this is a novel idea, there are several secure facilities at Patrick and the Cape where these devices are not allowed because they could compromise our security. Therefore, cans of Coke should be opened and inspected before entering facilities such as the Range Operations Control Center and Wing Command Post. Also, please keep this promotion in mind because you could unknowingly open a can of Coke with one of these items in it and mistake it for something far more sinister than it is.

In closing, I would like to note that our Company Grade Officers' Council was named the Eastern Region CGOC of the Year. They are #1 out of 27 in the region. This recognition proves what we already know: Some of the best and brightest young talent in our Air Force serves right here on the Space Coast. Well done!

I realize the exercise and the launch attempts this week created a lot of work for many of you. I hope you know that I truly appreciated your efforts. Please do not take chances with lightning, be safe and God bless!



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Col. Susan Helms has spent a good part of her Air Force career as a flight test engineer.

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obscure to most, Col. Helms said.

Flight test engineers fly as part of the test aircraft crew to assess the aircraft's response in technically-scripted tests to see if the aircraft follows the theory of what the aircraft is designed to do. She's flown in more than 30 types of American and Canadian military aircraft.

It was that love for speed and aerodynamics that made her yearn for more. "I just loved flying and I wanted to go higher and faster, so I applied to be an astronaut," she said. To her,

becoming an astronaut was the ultimate application of her engineering and operations expertise and her desire to fly as high and as fast as humans can go.

"When I looked back at Earth from that perspective, it was the singular convergence of everything I've always loved about my profession and what I've done in the military."

A veteran of five space shuttle flights, Col. Helms has logged over 5,000 hours of flight and space time, and holds quite a few space firsts, including the world record for the longest space walk in history - eight hours and 56 minutes.

Though she's proud that she was an astronaut, she doesn't want it to overshadow her role as the vice wing commander. Her goals are to support Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich, 45th SW commander, provide support to the wing staff and all wing members. "I want to learn from the best on how to operate effectively as a wing," she said.

She will continue to be a member of NASA's Space Shuttle Return to Flight Task Group, where her responsibility is to review the readiness of NASA's plans to deploy the crew to the international space station in an event that the shuttle cannot safely return intact.

Col. Helms is looking forward to fulfilling her role as vice commander.

"I want to integrate myself into Gen. Pavlovich's mission here and help the wing continue to provide its outstanding support of the nation's space programs."

Ceremony remembers Khobar Towers victims

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

Though terrorist activity might not have come to the forefront in America until recent years, several families of Airmen based at Patrick Air Force Base came to understand the devastation terrorism brings eight years ago.

On June 25, 1996, a terrorist truck bomb exploded outside the northern perimeter of the U.S. portion of the Khobar Towers military complex at King Abdul Aziz Air Base near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The explosion killed 19 servicemen and wounded hundreds of others, including civilians of several nationalities.

Five of those lives stolen away were deployed members from the Patrick AFB.

Capt. Christopher Adams, Capt. L. Timothy Haun, Master Sgt. Michael Heiser, Staff Sgt. Kevin Johnson and Airman 1st Class Justin Wood, all members of the 71st Rescue Squadron, 1st Rescue Group, were stationed in Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Southern Watch.

They perished in the attack on that fateful Tuesday, but their memories are remembered in a memorial dedicated here June 25, 2000.

The memorial is a half-circle comprised of five reddish black granite slabs, with laser-etched portraits of the five airmen from Patrick.

It also includes the names of the other 14 airmen killed. The foundation of the memorial was built with some of the remnants from the Khobar site.

The lost members and their families are honored and remembered through commemorative services held each year in Memorial Plaza on the anniversary of the attacks. Friday, Brig. Gen. Gregory Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, and the Patrick AFB honor guard will take part in a ceremony in Memorial Plaza at 8 a.m.



Commander Q&A : Col. Robert Hood Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar Systems

Q. What is the Mission of Joint STARS?

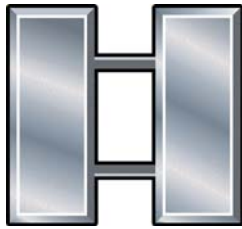
A. The E-8C Joint STARS is an airborne battle management, command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform. Its primary mission is to provide theater ground and air commanders with ground surveillance to support attack operations and targeting that contributes to the delay, disruption and destruction of enemy forces.

Q. How is JSTARS used in global war on terrorism and OIF?

A. The radar and computer subsystems on the E-8C can

gather and display detailed battlefield information on ground forces.

The information is relayed in near-real time to the Army's Apache helicopters, common ground stations and to other command, control, communications, computers and intelligence (C4I) nodes. Armed with current information on enemy movement, commanders are able to adjust their forces to enemy movement and can identify locations with terrorist concentrations that might be significant.



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 Vernon Dunn

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Pharmacy expansion will streamline service

By Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery
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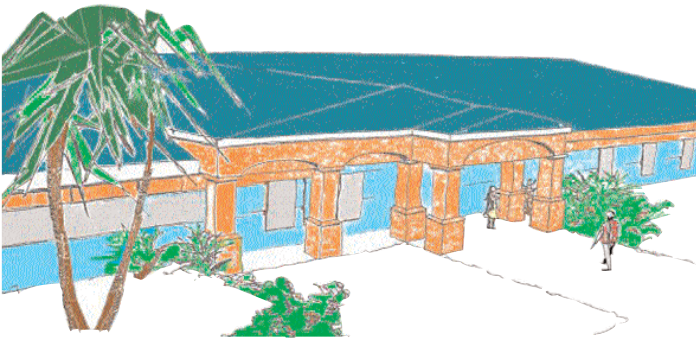
The 45th Space Wing held a groundbreaking ceremony June 18 to officially begin the expansion of the base's main pharmacy, in an effort to more efficiently meet the needs of its customers.

The \$ 1.3 million project will improve patient safety and meet the ever-growing pharmaceutical care needs of our past and present patriots, said Lt. Col. Joseph Weaver, pharmacy element chief.

"United States Air Force Pharmacy is in the throes of an optimization program that is providing new software and hardware to include new digital imaging of prescriptions, using barcode technology and enhancing automation and robotics," he said.

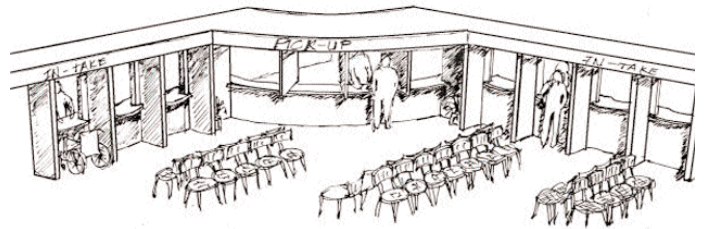
The expansion calls for 3,000 additional square feet of lobby and pharmacy space. According to Master Sgt. Virginia Gilliard, the space will be a welcome improvement to the facility.

"Our patients will benefit a great deal from the expansion," she said. "When the current facility fills to capacity, we basically have to shut the doors and revert to a one-in, one-out policy."



Illustrations courtesy of the 45th Medical Group

The current Main Pharmacy will be expanded 3,000 square feet.



The new interior of the Main Pharmacy will add four new service windows to better serve customers.

By expanding from six service windows to 10, pharmacists will be able to serve their patrons more quickly and efficiently, she said.

According to Lt. Col. Weaver, customers will still enjoy the convenience of a phone-in refill system.

"Three convenient lanes will continue to be a mainstay of the operation," he said.

The drive-through system offers customers more flexibility when dropping off or picking up prescriptions, said Sgt. Gilliard.

"Instead of waiting around, customers can drop off their prescriptions and take care of any other business they have on base," she said. "When they are finished, they can stop in an pick up their medicine."

According to Capt. Tam Dihn, officer in charge of the Main Pharmacy, customer needs are what keeps new ideas and programs in the forefront.

"We are always forward thinking," she said. "As part of our START performance plan, we don't accept the norms and we're constantly trying to improve."

That desire to improve only comes with hard work, explained Capt. Dihn.

"The groundbreaking is just the beginning, the real work will come in the next 12-18 months as we prepare to offer our customers a bigger and better pharmacy."

Airmen get more one-stop shopping with consolidated CSS

By 1st Lt. Warren Comer
45th SW Public Affairs

On June 1, a new concept in providing units with support was established with the launch of the 45th Space Wing's new commander's support staff.

Commander's support staffs are liaisons between commanders and their personnel when Airmen request leave, track enlisted/officer performance reports, schedule medical/dental appointments and a number of other personnel functions.

"We (consolidated CSS) went online locally, but haven't been officially signed off on yet by the Air Force Personnel Center," said Master Sgt. Timothy Harold, consolidated CSS superintendent. "We're doing this to come online with the wishes of (our leadership) to consolidate the entire wing." The new concept will undergo a yearlong test period.

As people in the personnel career field are in short supply in the 45th Space Wing, the best option was to consolidate CSS functions while creating a more efficient and fluid way for wing personnel to get their needs met.

"It's one-stop shopping," said Sgt. Harold. "(All wing Airmen) can come here and we can assist them with any problem they may have."

People involved in creating the consolidated CSS also took into account the separation of Patrick Air Force Base with Cape Canaveral Air Force Station by creating two locations for wing personnel to go.

The main CSS is located on Patrick in the Military Personnel Flight while the Cape's CSS is in Bldg. 1645, but will eventually move to the E&L Bldg. when there is room. Patrick's CSS handles the 45th Medical Group, Mission Support Squadron, Civil Engineer Squadron and Security Force Squadron. The 45th

Operations and Launch Groups are managed by the consolidated CSS at the Cape.

According to Sgt. Harold, personnel won't be turned away from either CSS, but their issues would be handled best at the one they are assigned to.

"We're going to be more efficient in providing the service people seek," said Sgt. Harold. "The consolidation brings together a lot of experience with these issues into one room."

Instead of CSS personnel having one person in their office, they have as many as five. This will not only allow them to work multiple issues, it also gives them an outlet to discuss problems and solve them in a timely fashion.

"We also took the responsibility of the wing's unit control center. We (stood it up) for the first time on Tuesday and it was a success," said Sgt. Harold.

Officials take second look at 'code-C' limitations

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

Following a review of the new force-shaping policy, Air Force officials rescinded the enlisted date-of-separation rollback for Airmen with an assignment limitation code "C."

"The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force decided we should take a harder look at code-C limitations, and the medical conditions that drive (the codes), to see if we can come up with a long-term solution, rather than a short-term, force-reduction tool," said Col. Michael Hayden, Air Force military policy division chief at the Pentagon.

Initially, the force-shaping program's Phase II assigned a DOS of no later than June 30, 2005, for enlisted Airmen who possessed this limitation and had more than 20 years of service as of that date. Feedback from around the Air Force regarding the policy was part of what made leaders reconsider, Col. Hayden said.

"We want to look at the deployment and assignment of Airmen worldwide and structure the policy to apply to both officers and enlisted, while still taking into consideration the needs of the Air Force as well as the needs of the Airmen," he said.

Because the service is becoming more of an expeditionary force, the idea behind the policy is still a factor, Col. Hayden said.

"We need to look at how we can shape our force to meet the (air and space expeditionary force) construct," he said.

Locally, reconsideration of the 'code-C' limitations means a stop-order message delivered to local Military Personnel Flight members.

"Right now all we know is that we were told to stop processing any 'code-C' limitation packages," said Tech. Sgt. Casandra Simmons, noncommissioned officer in charge of retirements and separations for the 45th Mission Support Squadron. "We should hear more information soon on whether they will completely revoke it or not, but for right now none of them will be touched."

While there were only four members of the 45th Space Wing who would be affected by the 'code C' limitations, members of the MSS are continuing to keep their ears to the ground, so they may keep those people updated on their future in the Air Force.

"We haven't heard much else on the decision as of yet, but since it will effect a lot of people across the Air Force, I'm sure we will hear an update soon," said Tech. Sgt. Simmons.

First Lt. Elizabeth Kreft contributed to this article.

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Federal long-term insurance available

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Active-duty Airmen, some reservists, appropriated-fund civilian employees, retirees and qualified family members can still apply for the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program.

The program is a benefit authorized by Congress to help federal employees defray the costs of in-home care, nursing-home care, or assisted-living facilities for people no longer able to perform normal daily activities because of chronic-health conditions.

Most people believe they do not need long-term care insurance because they have health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, officials said. However, in most cases, only skilled medical services are covered and usually only for a limited time.

Health plans usually do not cover ongoing chronic care such as extended stays in assisted-living facilities or continued need for a home health aid. Disability income insurance does not pay for long-term care.

"When you need long-term care services, securing the best type and quality of care can seem daunting," said Kay Cole James, office of personnel management director at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "That's why the care coordination services provided by the federally sponsored (program) are so valuable."

Insurance program enrollees have access to care-coordination services at no additional charge, she said.

Enrollment is not tied to an open season, and employees may enroll at any time under one of two application processes: Full underwriting application, which most employees will use, or abbreviated underwriting application, which is limited to use by:

- New spouses of current employees within 60 days of marriage.

- Newly hired and rehired employees within 60 days of hiring.

- Temporary employees converting to permanent appointments within 60 days of conversion or new qualifying appointment.

- Employees returning from a non-pay status (including activated reservists) within 60 days of returning to duty, as long as they were in a non-pay status for more than three months of the initial open season held July 1 through Dec. 31, 2002. If these employees do not enroll during the 60 day window, they can also apply through the full underwriting process.

For more information on the insurance program and how to enroll, visit www.ltcfeds.com/. Certified specialists are available to answer questions Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EDT, by calling (800) 582-3337 or TTY (800) 843-3557. *Courtesy of AFPC News Service.*

Summer safety quiz

The first correct response e-mailed to the 45 Space Wing Ground Safety inbox at 45swseg@patrick.af.mil, after 9 a.m. Tuesday morning following date of publication will receive a prize from the 45 SW Safety Office. Entries received before 9 a.m. hours 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*.

Questions for June 25

- 1) Which Air Force Form is known as the "Employee Safety and Health Record"?
- 2) Which Air ForceSpace Command Form is used as a Mishap Data Worksheet?
- 3) Which AF Form that is located on Safety Bulletin Boards would you use to report a hazard to the Safety Office?
- 4) Which class of fire extinguisher would you use to extinguish an electrical fire?
- 5) Which 91 series AFOSH Standard would you look in to find requirements for operating a forklift?

Last week's answers

1. 18 inches
2. 36 inches
3. Bird Air Strike Hazard
4. One
5. Six

Air Force changes rules on space-A reservations

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — The Air Force Services Agency director here announced recently an expanded space-available reservation policy designed to maximize occupancy at lodging facilities.

Under the new system, lodging officials can accept and confirm space-A lodging reservations up to 30 days in advance based on low projected occupancy rates, Arthur Myers wrote in a policy memorandum.

The window for reservations decreases as the percentage of projected occupancy rises.

For example, when a projected occupancy rate is 65 percent or less, space-A guests can make reservations up to 30 days in advance. At 80 percent, the reservation window is two weeks. It is seven days for 85 percent and three

days for 86 percent or greater.

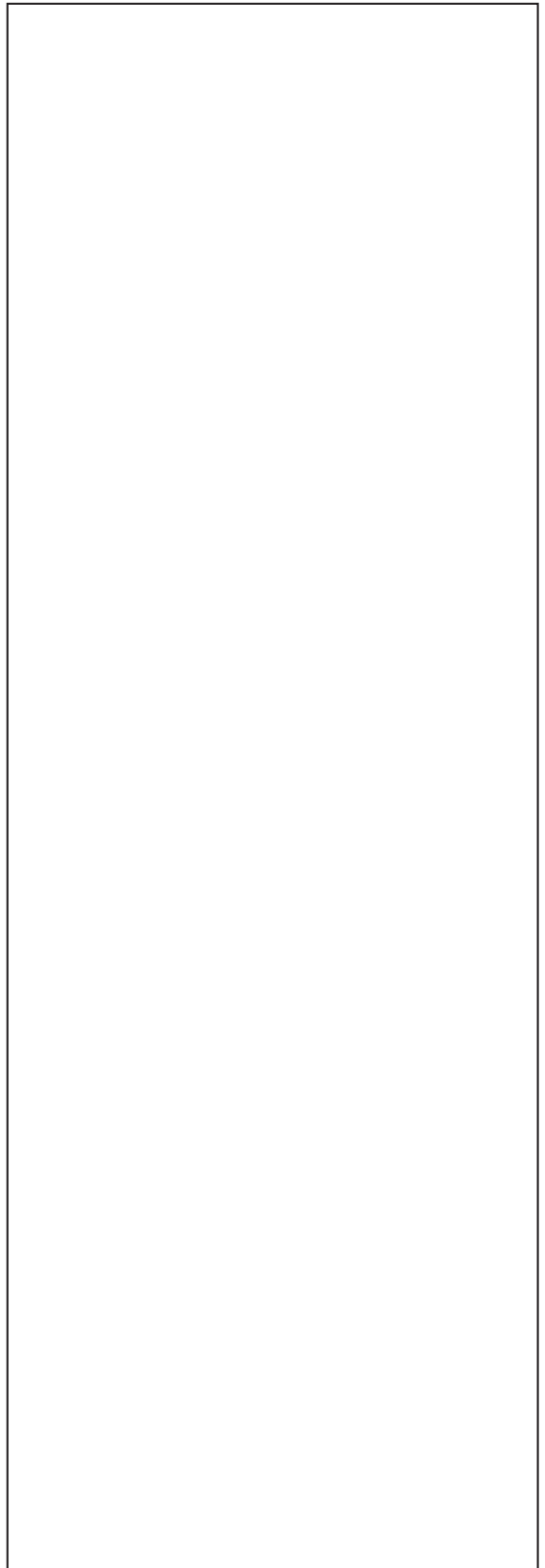
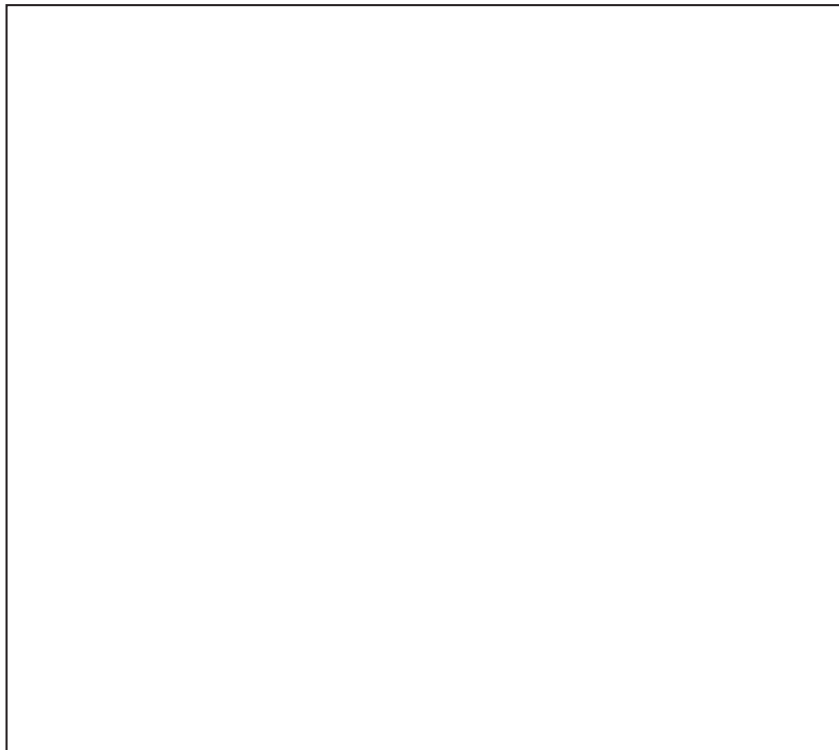
Under this new system, higher priority customers may not bump space-A customers with confirmed reservations, Mr. Myers said.

Neither can they be bumped once they are assigned lodging except during contingencies, emergencies or when the installation commander determines higher priorities exist.

Mr. Myers also said commanders may establish a policy limiting the number of days space-A guests may stay in on-base lodging to no more than 30 days per year.

To get more information on lodging availability or reservation guidelines for 45th Space Wing assets, call the lodging office at 494-2075.

Courtesy of Air Force Education and Training Command News Service.



DoD begins Tricare Retail Pharmacy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Department of Defense officials announced that the new Tricare Retail Pharmacy contract has taken effect for Tricare beneficiaries located in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

The contract has about 53,000 civilian pharmacies in the nationwide network. In the past, the Tricare regional contractors provided retail pharmacy services.

Most beneficiaries should not notice the change in services with the new contract, officials said.

To use the new retail pharmacy program, as with all other DoD health programs, beneficiaries must be eligible and enrolled in the defense enrollment eligibility reporting system.

The program has many new enhancements.

Pharmacy claims processing is now centralized, and beneficiaries no longer have to mail claims to multiple sites for processing or call various telephone numbers to get assistance filling a prescription when using the retail network. Patient safety has also been enhanced by the pharmacy data transaction service that processes all claims, including paper claims.

For a single co-payment of \$3 for a generic or \$9 for a brand-name prescription, eligible beneficiaries may continue to receive a 30-day supply of their prescription medication from the new network of retail pharmacies.

To use this benefit, a written pharmacy prescription and a uniformed services

identification card are required. Tricare beneficiaries who used a retail pharmacy in 2003 will receive, by mail, a pharmacy identification card, a Tricare Retail Pharmacy benefit guide and a letter listing the 12 network pharmacies closest to their home.

The benefit is now portable. Beneficiaries traveling outside of their designated Tricare region who need to fill a prescription are no longer required to pay the full prescription price or file a Tricare claim to get reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses when they use a Tricare retail network pharmacy. Pharmacy copayments are the same in every location where the retail pharmacy is available.

To locate a network pharmacy, beneficiaries may use the Tricare pharmacy locator service available online at www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE, or they may call (866) 363-8779.

For eligible beneficiaries with other health insurance, Tricare pays after all other insurance plans have paid.

To use Tricare as the secondary payer or to obtain reimbursement for their out-of-pocket pharmacy expenses, beneficiaries will need to submit a Tricare claim Defense Department Form 2642 and a receipt for their prescription medication.

Express Scripts can mail prescription medications to any U.S. postal address or to an APO/FPO address. However, it cannot send prescriptions to a private, foreign address. Prescriptions must be prescribed by providers who are licensed to practice in the United States.



Photo by Carelton Bailie

An afternoon on the river

Two members of the Youth Center's Camp Xtreme paddle along the Banana River, June 18. Camp Xtreme is one of many Youth Center programs available to children, providing activities during the summer months.

Uniform feedback survey, PT gear coming

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON - The Air Force's first physical training uniform will hit the street later this year, and a Web site for Airmen to provide feedback on the proposed utility uniform will be online July 1.

Feedback on the proposed utility uniform has been excellent so far, but an Internet survey will give all Airmen a chance to voice their opinion, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean of the Air Force Uniform Board.

Sgt. Dean said people who have worn or actually seen the uniform have given high marks for its permanent press feature and how well it fits. The uniform's color scheme, initially met with skepticism, is more accepted now.

"Color continues to be a big concern of Airmen," she said.

Sgt. Dean said Air Force military clothing sales stores will begin displaying the utility uniforms in July, around the same date the new Internet survey goes online.

"We're encouraging people to not give us their feedback until they've had the opportunity to see the uniform," she said. "Go ahead and look at the pictures, but don't answer the survey until (you've) seen the uniform up close. If I could (preserve) one statement, it's 'Oh, it looks

“ We're encouraging people to not give us their feedback until they've had the opportunity to see the uniform. If I could (preserve) one statement, it's 'Oh, it looks so much better in person.' ”

Senior Master Sgt.
Jacqueline Dean

AIR FORCE UNIFORM BOARD

so much better in person.”

Besides color and style, Airmen will notice the new uniform features an eight-point hat, no squadron or major command patches and no-shine suede boots.

If approved, the utility uniform will likely have a five-year phase-in period, Sgt. Dean said. The new PT uniform, however, has already been approved by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and will soon be in active service.

"We did a wear and fit test from January through March," she said. "We took all the feedback, and we now have established military specifications. They've gone out to manufactur-

ers and should be in full production by the end of June."

The PT uniform ensemble consists of dark blue running shorts, a gray T-shirt and a dark blue running suit - all with reflective safety markings.

Sgt. Dean said the goal was to have enough PT uniforms by Oct. 1 to supply Airmen scheduled for immediate deployment. After that requirement is met, the uniforms will be available for purchase through Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The PT uniform will have a two- to three-year phase-in period. Sgt. Dean said the running suit costs about \$100, and the shorts and shirt about \$25.

Officials have not yet determined if Airmen will receive a lump sum allotment in October, an increase in their annual clothing allowance or a voucher to pay for the initial requirement.

Although personal preference is the rule for PT shoes, she said they must be conservative in design and color. Saluting will not be required while wearing the PT uniform, and jewelry wear will be the same as with other uniforms, so long as safety is taken into consideration.

Only active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen will be authorized to purchase the PT uniforms from AAFES until adequate supplies are available.

SHARK OF THE WEEK



Mr. Robert Doyne

45th Mission Support Squadron, Casualty/Survivor Benefit Plan Assistance chief

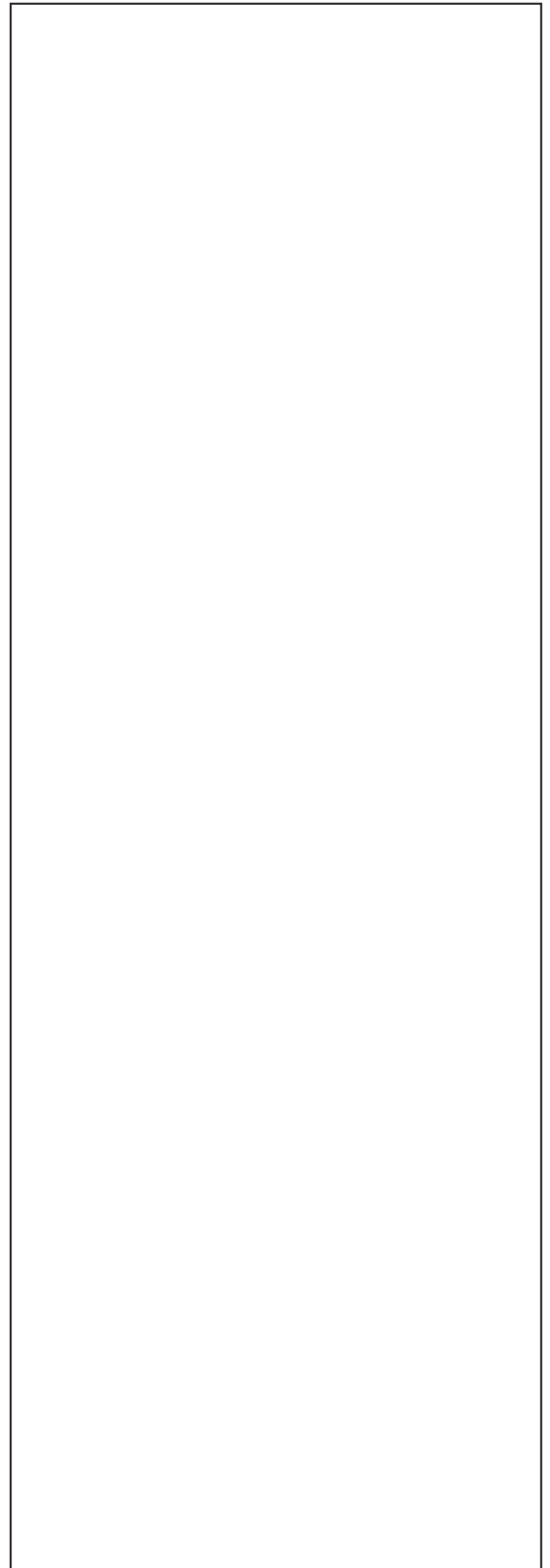
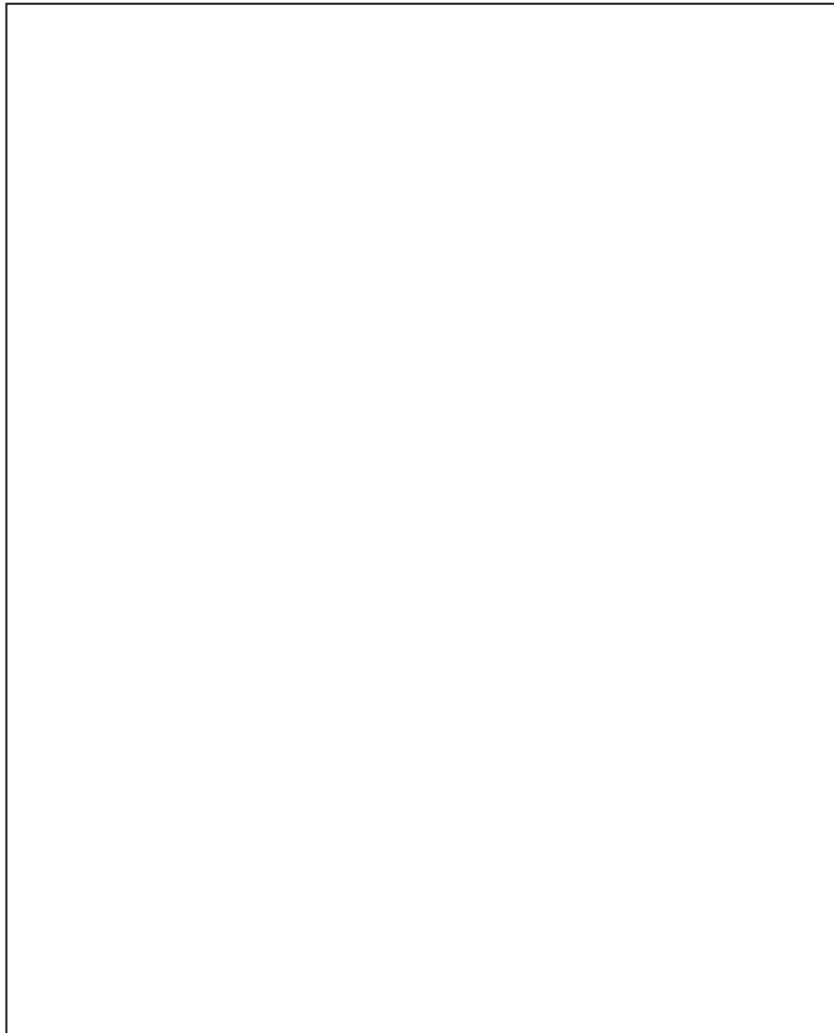
Hometown: Palm Bay

Words to to live by: I help people as if I were helping my own family or how I would want my family and friends to be helped or treated.

Exceeded the standard: Mr. Doyne distinguished himself by spearheading the renovation of the Military Flight Customer Service lobby, in addition to his daily duties as chief of the Casualty Assistance area. He secured new furniture and equipment and also oversaw painting of the room and addition of a

new chair rail. He STARTed it –The lobby is now more professional and customer friendly. – *1st Lt. Bernice Zollner, 45th MSS.*

Inspiration to exceed the standard: I believe in giving 100 percent effort in every task. I am part of a team, and by giving 100 percent at all times you make yourself feel better along with making the team look better.



Wives luncheon scheduled

The Retired Officers' Wives' meeting will be held Friday, at the Patrick AFB Officers' Club starting at noon. Social time starts at 11:30 a.m., and the lunch will feature the Allemande Square Dancers from Satellite Beach Recreation Center. To reserve a seat or for more information, call 777-3044 or 727-1146 by Wednesday.

Retreat Planned

The company Grade Officers' Association presents a retreat July 1, 5 p.m. at Memorial Plaza, on Patrick Air Force Base. Everyone is invited to the event.

For more information, call 2nd. Lt. Mark Belue at 494-1429 or 2nd. Lt. Anthony Gilliam at 494-6452.

Promotion window changes

Beginning in December 2004, all master sergeants competing for promotion to senior master sergeant will test on the USAF supervisory examination between Dec. 6-17.

The testing cycle will no longer be conducted in January.

Testing conducted after Dec. 17 will be considered out-of-cycle.

Gate traffic shift

Traffic through the main gate to Patrick Air Force Base will change starting July 12. Outbound traffic will once again flow from O'Malley Road, rather than Jupiter Road for several weeks.

Be prepared to slow or stop, and be cautious of the construction workers. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Glenn Cameron at 494-9243.

Records section closed

The 45th Mission Support Squadron, Military Personnel Records section will be closed July 12-14 between the hours of 7:30 - noon to conduct an audit of all personnel records. Contact Mrs. Karen Lathers at 494-4080 or 1st Lt. Bernice Zollner at 494-4252, if you have any questions.

Voting information available

Unit voting counselors should contact each member this month to offer the opportunity to register to vote in state/federal elections. Counselors have materials and

information to register in every state.

For more information on registration or voting this fall, see a unit voting counselor, call the installation voting officer Maj. Joel Hansen, at 494-1570 or call the installation voting hotline at 494-8684.

Bible study starts

Chaplain Peggy Wilkins and Chrissy DeWitte invite busy wives and mothers to join in fellowship and fun as they study the Bible and helpful hints for becoming "Everything You are Meant to Be ... in God's Economy."

The study begins Friday, and meets at the Family Support Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, call 494-5675.

Scholarship opportunity

The Air Force Sergeants Association is offering \$600 in enlisted scholarship awards open to E-1 through E-6s assigned to Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Candidates must have his or her first sergeant's recommendation.

Applications may be picked up at the Base Education Office, library and the Cape Fitness Center. For more information contact Master Sgt. Virginia Gillard at 494-1644 at Patrick or Senior Master Sgt. Benjamin Caro, 476-8499 or Master Sgt. Jake Pillow, 853-5630 at the Cape.

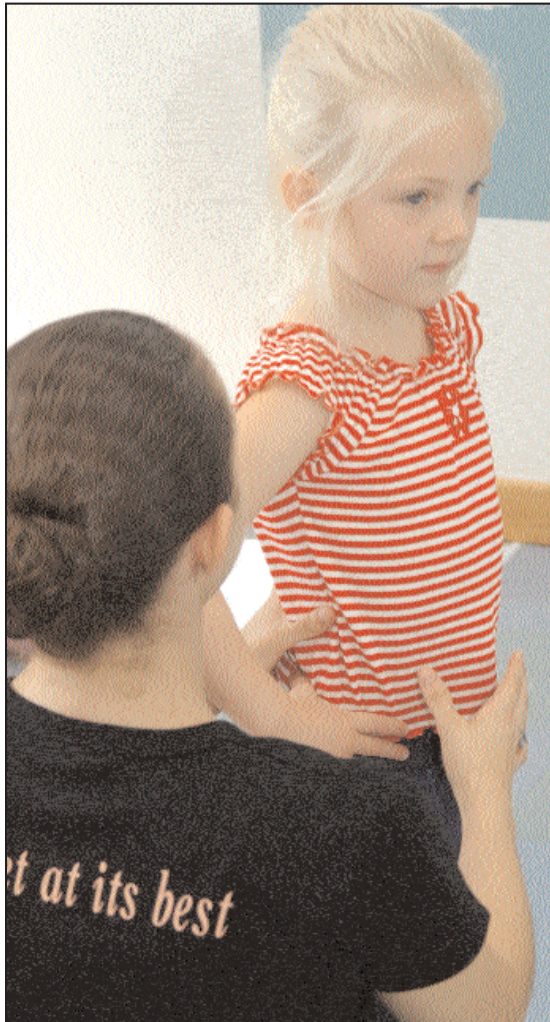
Stay informed of benefits

Take advantage of retirement assets available through the Survivor Benefit Plan. To learn more, visit the SBP site at <http://www.afpc.-randolph.af.mil/SBP> or contact Staff Sgt. Jeff Tingle at 494-2919 or 494-6468.

Calling volunteers

Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services urgently needs volunteers to send emergency messages to deployed troops. Support your fellow soliders, sailors, Marines and Airmen and call the Space Coast Red Cross office at Patrick at 494-2402 for more information.

Learning the steps

Photos by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

Erica Little, Youth Center ballet camp instructor shows 5-year-old Riley Gill correct ballet posture. Youths from age 8-15 are participating in this year's camp. The two-week camp will teach students fundamentals, as well as build on the skills they already have.

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

Members of the Patrick Youth Center are jumping into ballet camp with toes pointed and arms outstretched.

The two-week camp is for children ages 5-18 and features two teenage instructors from a local ballet studio who teach the basics of ballet as well as more student specific instruction.

Erica Little, who has been dancing ballet since the age of two, was excited about the opportunity to teach fellow dancers.

"It's so much fun to see the kids' response," she said.

During the first day of camp, Ms. Little spent time instructing two of the younger participants. While going over the basic positions and terminology, Ms. Little had to deal with the shorter attention spans of the younger dancers. "It's a great challenge teaching the younger kids, but I think the reward is much better," she said. "It's a lot of give and take."

Working with the older students, Hailey Holland searched to find common ground and get an understanding of her students' knowledge.

"These girls have already had experience dancing, so the hardest part is getting on the same page and figuring out what they do and don't know," she said.

Ms. Holland and her students worked on jumps with the sounds of laughter overshadowing the classical music in the background.

"So far we are having a lot of fun," said Ms. Holland. "My main goal during this class is to make sure everyone's having a good time and become more excited about dancing."

Ballet is not all dancing around, and is not as easy as it looks, explained Ms. Holland.

"It's really hard work and is very tir-

ing, but the chance to perform what you learn makes the hard work worth it."

Small, uncomfortable grunts could be heard from student Chante Henderson as she sat on the floor, stretching out her leg muscles.

"It's important that we teach the importance of stretching to the students while they are still young," said Ms. Little.

Being young is a major advantage to dance students, said Lynn Phillips, Youth Center program director.

"It's important to teach them the correct skills while they're young," she said. "Old habits are hard to break."

Without an instructor, Mrs. Phillips wasn't sure the Youth Center was going to be able to provide their usual ballet classes.

When she was approached with the idea of accepting volunteer instructors, she quickly jumped at the opportunity to offer the camp to her members.

"We have a chance to offer our kids some of the very best instruction," she said. "It's great getting children to try new things, and that's one of our goals here."



Hailey Holland, left, goes over some dance steps with Jackie Bell during a ballet camp class Monday at the Youth Center.

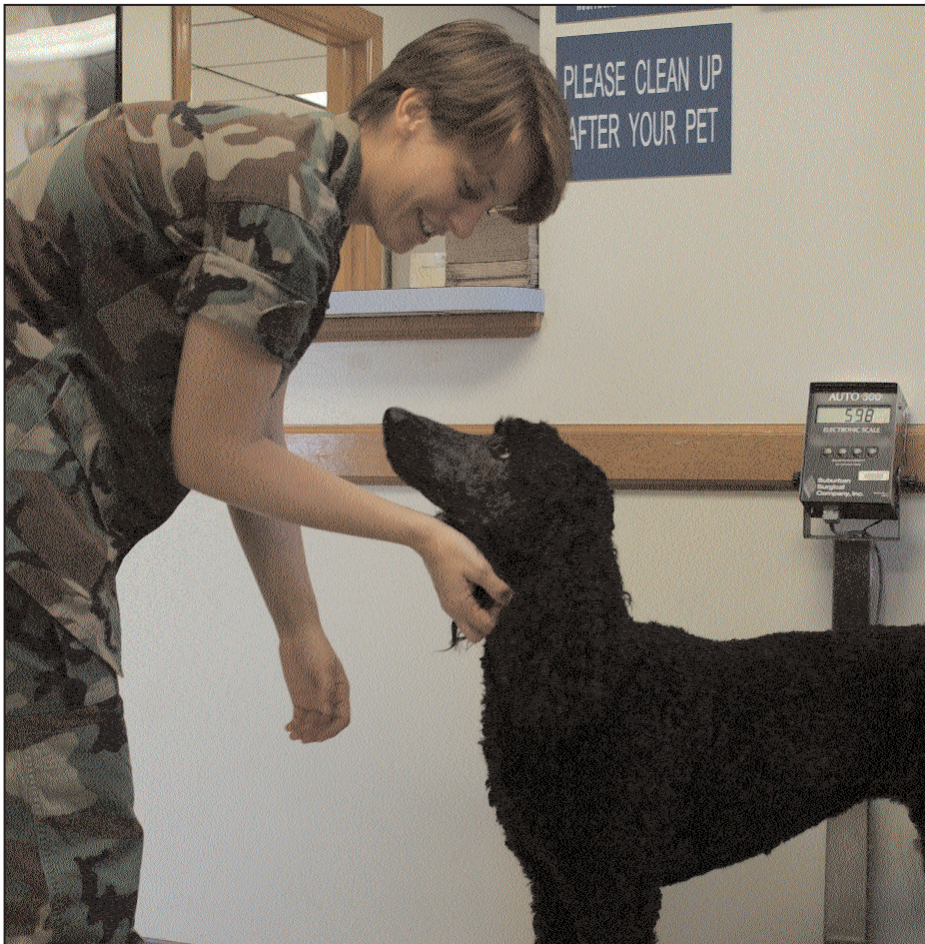


Photo by 1st. Lt. Elizabeth Kreft

Open
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Army Cpl. Shannon Lockhart, Veterinary technician, weighs a dog before she performs a routine physical. The animals, whether they are military working dogs or house cats, receive thorough check-ups from members of the veterinary clinic. The staff will register each pet and open a shot file on them in order to maintain proper and up-to-date immunization records.

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

They examine teeth, give shots, check temperatures and perform regular physicals, but they never see a human patient.

The members of the 45th Veterinary Services Clinic take great pride in taking care of "man's best friends." By appointment, the clinic sees dogs and cats for regular check-ups, yearly immunizations and physicals, and deployment readiness.

Yes, deployment readiness.

"We exist on this base to take care of the military working dogs so they are able to perform their missions," said Cpl. Shannon Lockhart, veterinary technician. "We will make sure they are in good health and ensure they have all necessary immunizations depending on which country they will be traveling to with their handler. But, when our workload allows us to do so, we are very happy to have the opportunity to perform caretaking services for

all active-duty and retired families with pets."

The clinic staff enjoys knowing that they have the ability to bring comfort to these "extended" military family members.

"Well, we all love animals," said Alina Richardson, veterinary assistant/technician. "But I especially like knowing that I can help these owners put their animals at ease and relieve the pet's undue stress or pain."

Clinic staff members explained that in Florida their advice and directions for pet care involve several steps that new residents might not be aware of because of the unique climate and environment here.

"We see a lot of skin and allergy problems because owners aren't conscious of prevention techniques that must be used in this region of the country," said Jocelyne Lasiste, a veterinary assistant who has been with the 45th Veterinary Clinic for 18 years. "We try to draw their attention to things like different heartworm and insect protection because the large number of mosquitoes and other biting pests

can seriously harm the pets."

While pet owners recognize the help that the clinic offers, some non-pet owners might not understand the significant benefit that an on-base clinic provides to everyone living and working on base.

"It is important for a base to have a veterinary clinic because we play a big part in maintaining public health," said Army Maj. Lance Batey, South Atlantic District Veterinary commander.

"We provide a low-cost service that allows for animals to get the care and clinical attention they need, which in turn leads to happier and healthier atmospheres for the military pet-owner households.

"If we keep the pets healthy and disease-free, we are in-turn protecting the household and adding a layer of protection for the military pet owner," said Maj. Batey.

All 45th SW members who live in military housing must register their four-legged friends with the clinic and ensure the pets are current with their immunizations. For more information on clinic services, or to set up an appointment for your pet, call 494-6080.

8th annual Air Force Marathon Sept. 18

Air Force officials will hold the 8th annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Sept. 18. The marathon will include a half-marathon, wheelchair race, four-person relay and 5K race.

The deadline for early registration is July 1, and all entries must be in by Sept. 7. The race is open to the public.

Besides traditional awards for top finishers of each race, marathon committee officials will present awards to the top finishers from each major command, as well as to the command with greatest participation.

"The Air Force Marathon is open to the public, but being a military marathon, we felt that we needed to increase the military base competition," said Bob Brodess, Air Force Marathon director.

The medals will be imprinted with the F-117 Nighthawk, this year's featured aircraft.

The course is unchanged from the past, marathon officials said.

For more information about marathon events, visit the Air Force Marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpa-fb.af.mil>. Courtesy of Air Force Print News.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

Back in the gym

Corey Taylor, who recently returned from a deployment, gives his abdominal muscles a workout on an incline bench.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Register for soccer

Youth Programs will begin accepting registration for their upcoming 2004 Fall Recreational Soccer Program Thursday. Registration is accepted weekdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and is open to family members ages 4-11 of active-duty, retired military, DoD personnel, NAF employees and DoD contractors. Children eligible to participate must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 and not turn 12 by Aug. 1. The cost for ages 4-5 is \$30 for current 2004 Youth Center members and \$40 for nonmembers. The cost for ages 6-11 is \$45 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. Player evaluations and team formations will be the week of Aug. 9, with practices beginning Aug. 16. The season is scheduled to begin Sept. 11 and will conclude no later than Nov. 13. Call 494-4747 or 494-3770.

Children must get sports physicals

In accordance with Air Force Youth Programs AFI 34-249, all children enrolled in youth sports programs are required to have a physical on file with the physical being kept on file for a period of one year from the date of the exam. For parents who wish to enroll their child beginning July 1 for youth soccer, a sports physical is required before the child can participate in practices and games. Parents who turned in a physical for soccer last year are required to turn in a new one. Parents that turned in a physical for basketball, tee ball, baseball and girls softball are encouraged to contact the sports director to ensure their child's physical is still up to date. Parents are encouraged to contact the base pediatric clinic or their personal physician to set up an physical appointment for their child. See story on Page 19. Call 494-3770.

Soccer coaches needed

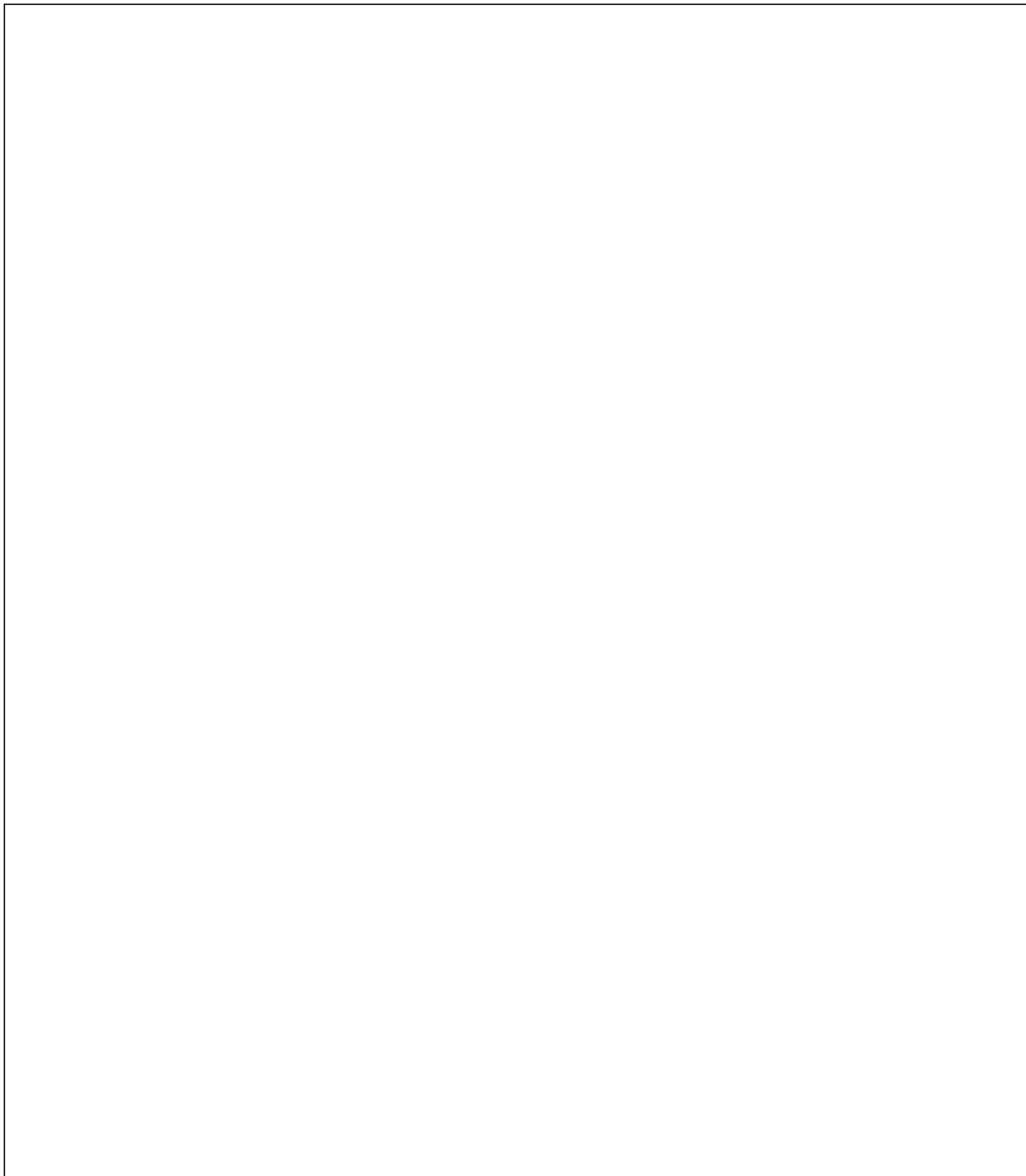
Youth Programs is recruiting volunteer adult coaches for its upcoming 2004 Fall Recreational Soccer Program beginning in August. Interested persons must fill out an application at the Youth Center and provide any documentation of trainings to include coaches, CPR and first aid certifications. There will be mandatory training provided for all new and returning coaches before the start of practices. Call 494-3770.

Soccer camp begins soon

Youth Programs sponsor a Major League Soccer Camp Aug. 2-6 with a limit of 55 slots. There will be 30 slots available for ages 4-7 and 25 slots available for ages 8-11. Registration is accepted weekdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and are open to family members ages 4-11 of active-duty, retired military, DoD personnel, NAF employees and contractors. Current 2004 Youth Center members will have priority registration from July 6-8 at a cost of \$10 with nonmembers being able to register beginning July 9 for \$22, which includes a camp T-shirt and soccer ball. The camp is at Adam's Field beside the Youth Center with ages 4-7 participating from 9-10:30 a.m., followed by ages 8-11 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Call 494-4747 or 494-3770.

Sign up for basketball camp

Youth Programs sponsor a Basketball Camp July 19-23 with a limit of 80 slots. The camp will be conducted by an assistant coach and players from Brevard Community College, with several of the players being former Youth Center participants. Registration is accepted weekdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is open to family members ages 6-15 of active-duty, retired military, DoD personnel, NAF employees and contractors. Current 2004 Youth Center members will have priority registration from June 28-30 for \$10 with nonmembers being able to register beginning July 1 for \$22 which includes a camp T-shirt. The camp is at Youth Center Gym from 9 a.m. - noon. Call 494-4747 or 494-3770.



The Calendar

Friday

▲ Bingo Bonanza, 4-5:30 p.m., at the Youth Center. This program is open to children ages 9-14, offering multiple versions of bingo. Cost is \$2 for members, \$4 for nonmembers. Prizes will be awarded.

July 1

▲ Youth Programs will begin accepting soccer registrations on July 1. Registration is accepted from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is open to family members ages 4-11 of active duty, retired military, DoD personnel, contractors and NAF employees. The season begins Sept. 11 and will conclude no later than Nov. 13. For more information, call the Youth Center at 494-4747 or 494-3770.

July 3

▲ Enjoy an Old Fashioned Street Celebration at Outdoor Recreation with free sunset boat rides, a caricature artist, palm reader, clowns, face-painting, a moon jump, and games and prizes for all ages, 6 – 10:30 p.m. The country band "Dixie Rex" performs from 6 - 8 p.m. From 8:30 - 10:30 p.m., enjoy the Orlando popular rock band "Never the Hero."

July 4

▲ Thrill seekers receive rides on Outdoor Recreation's new high tech toys on Watersports Day, July 4, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. A XTREME pass entitles the bearer to be pulled by an experienced Outdoor Rec staff member on wakeboards, water skis and tubes. Participants must be 16 unless accompanied by a sponsor to participate.

▲ Fourth of July Holiday Celebration at Chevron Park from 5 - 10 p.m. The evening starts off with music by the local band "Chili Head with Group Therapy" from 5-7 p.m. Then from 8-9:30 p.m. the famous British 1960s band "Herman's Hermits" with Peter Noone performs. The Kids Zone opens at 5 p.m. with games for children. The evening wraps up with the annual fireworks display at 9:30 pm.

July 7

▲ Organizations wishing to participate in the Summer Intramural Golf League must have their letters of intent in by July 7. Include the name of the coach, assistant coach, squadron, duty number, fax number and email address. Call Fred Mills at 494-7856/6510.

Holiday celebration? Sweet!



By Theresa Amlong
45th Services Squadron

Two new events have been added to Patrick Air Force Base's July 3 and 4 Holiday Celebration: The Colossal Cookie Challenge, held on July 3 at the Outdoor Recreation Holiday Street Party, and Xtreme Water Sports Day, on July 4 at Outdoor Recreation's waterfront.

Colossal Cookie Challenge

Cookie aficionados will want to follow their noses to the Colossal Cookie Challenge at the Holiday Street Party where the search is under way for the best colossal cookie on Patrick Air Force Base.

Contestants must bring a dozen colossal cookies (four inches in length or diameter or larger) with the recipe to Outdoor Recreation by July 3 at 6:30 p.m. Each recipe can only be submitted in one category, though contestants may submit a separate recipe to each category. The recipes must include all ingredients, specific measurements and list the utensils necessary to prepare the cookie.

The contest, an Air Force sponsored program, is open to active duty and retired military, DoD employees and their family members. "This event provides an opportunity for people to have fun, be creative and get recognized for it," said Lynne Phillips, program director for Family Member Programs. "Contestants are then encouraged to send their recipe to the Pillsbury Bake Off where they could get published in a national magazine."

Cookies will be on display at the Street Party from 6:30-8:30 p.m. During this time, a panel of

event staffers will sample the entries. Winners will be announced at 9:30 p.m. Certificates will be awarded for first, second and third place in each category.

Base level winners will compete at Air Force Space Command; those winners will compete at the Air Force level.

Entrants must be willing to have their recipes published for sharing among AF Services. Each major command will submit their top 10 recipes for inclusion in a Family Member Programs Community Center Colossal Cookie Challenge Recipe Book.

Xtreme Water Sports Day

Added to the fun on July 4 will be Outdoor Recreation's Xtreme Water Sports Day. The Outdoor Recreation staff offers safe, high-speed thrill rides on wake boards, water skis and towable tubes from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. "Make no mistake about it, this an adult high-adventure day," said Tony Boob, Outdoor Recreation manager. "Participants receive an exciting ride. Our experienced staff will be running the boats to ensure you get a thrill." Participants must be at least 16 years old and be active-duty, or members of the Reserve components and their family members.

Dorm residents receive a pass for 50 percent off the usual fee and are limited to one guest.

For more information on the Colossal Cookie Challenge, call Lynne Phillips at 494-4748. To find out more about Xtreme Water Sports Day, call Tony Boob at 494-2042.

Independence Day Celebrations



Make appointments now for school, sports physicals

By **Dr. (Maj.) Susan Moran**
45th Medical Group

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY 3		JULY 4	
EVENT	TIMES	EVENT	TIMES
Outdoor Recreation Street Party Food and beverage sales available		Xtreme water sports (Outdoor Recreation)	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Free boat rides	6 p.m. - dusk	Bowling (Bowling Center)	Noon - 5 p.m.
Dot the Clown	6-9 p.m.	The following events will be held at Chevron Park	
Palm reader	6-10 p.m.	Food and beverage Sales Kid Zone	
Caricature artist	6-10 p.m.	Dot the Clown	5-8:30 p.m.
Youth/adult games	6 p.m. - dusk	Bands: "Chili Head with Group Therapy" (blues/variety)	5-7 p.m.
Colossal Cookie Challenge	6:30-9:30 p.m.	"Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone"	8-9:30 p.m.
Bands: "Dixie Rex" (country)	6-8 p.m.	Fireworks	9:30-10 p.m
"Never the Hero" (popular rock)	8-10:30 p.m.		

Even though summer just began, now is the time to schedule a school or sports physical for the upcoming 2004-2005 school year.

Physicals are required for all children entering daycare, preschool and kindergarten, students entering Brevard County schools for the first time, all school sports activities and Patrick Youth Center sports.

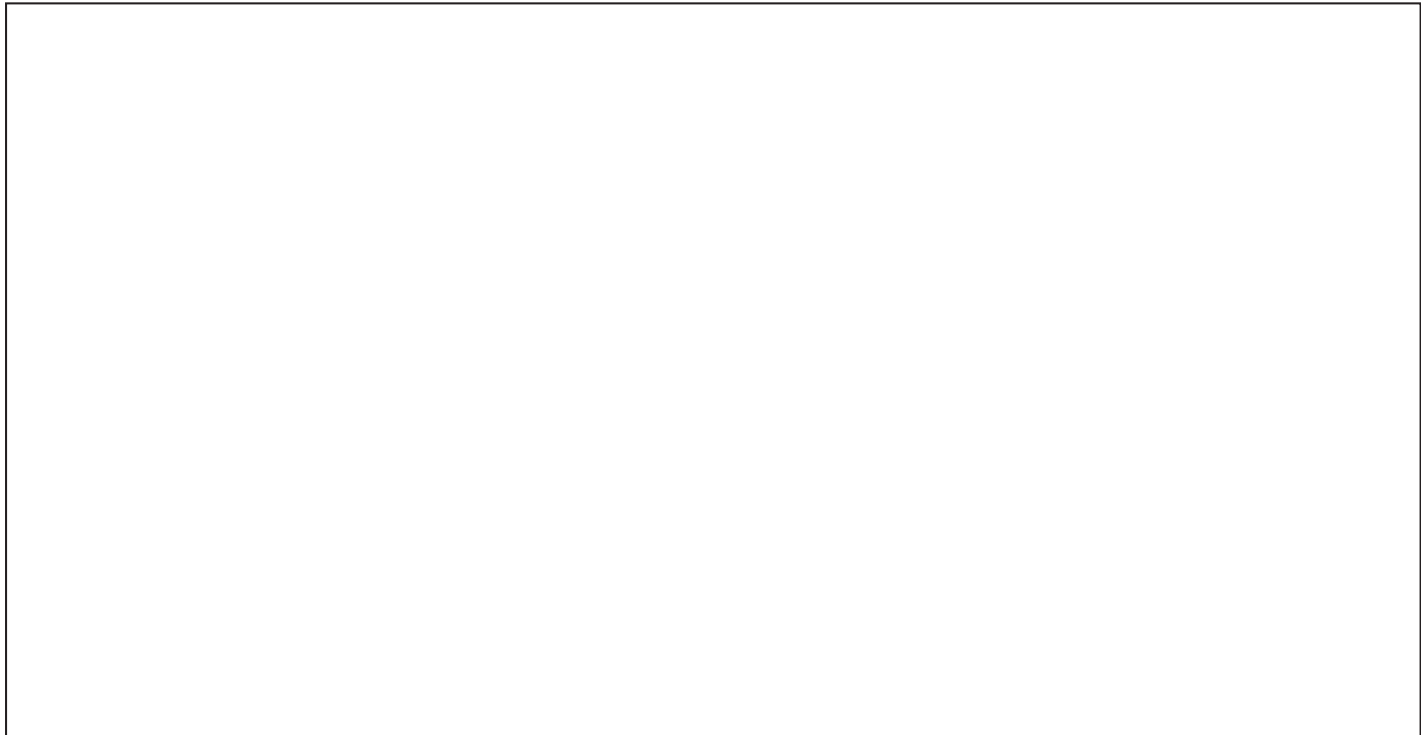
Those who schedule their child's school and/or sports physical now can avoid the mad rush right before school starts. It's important to bring the child's immunization records and the school's sports physical form (if applicable) to the appointment.

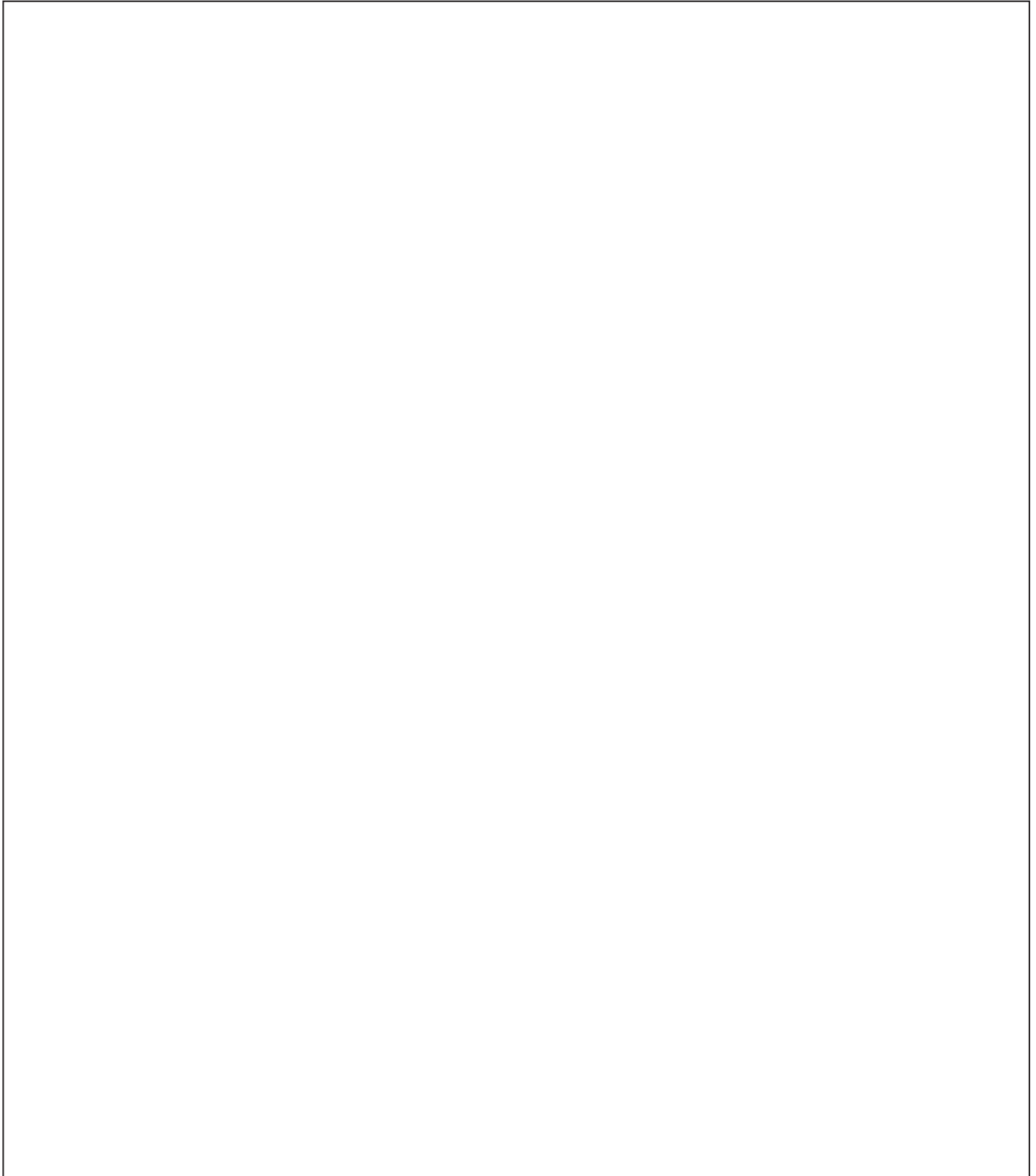
If the child requires chronic medication at school, check with the child's school about the specific requirements and the appropriate forms, then schedule a routine appointment with a Primary Care Manager. Each school may have special forms that they want completed as well.

The yellow school physical form and blue immunization form are available at the clinic.

If a child recently had a physical at another base, the 45th Medical Group may be able to transcribe the information onto the required Florida school system's forms without a new physical. Check with the child's PCM in efforts to determine whether an additional physical exam is needed.

To schedule a physical or for more information, call the 45th MDG appointment line at 494-8241 Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.





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.

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Got a story for the Missileer?

E-mail the Missileer staff at missileer@patrick.af.mil
or call 494-5922

Events

Friday, 7-11 p.m. Teens Night Out, fourth Friday of each month at the Travis Park Community Center in Cocoa. The Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department offers music, games, basketball, pizza and more for teens ages 13 through high school senior. Cost is \$5 and registration is required. Call 633-1874.

Fridays, 9-10:30 a.m. Friday Fun Days at Satellite Beach Recreation Center featuring themed play with crafts, games, snack and more each Friday through June and July. Come dressed for each theme: pirate theme, Friday; circus theme, July 9; luau theme, July 23. For ages 2-5. Cost is \$5, prepay by Wednesday prior. Call 773-6458.

Saturday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-5 p.m., 12th Annual Water Garden Expo. Free seminars are open discussion covering everything about water gardening. Speakers, refreshments & prizes will be on hand until 11:30 a.m. and will resume from 1-5 p.m. at Dr. and Kit Knotts' home, featuring 50 ponds and a Victoria collection, (Victoria is a water lily from the Amazon and has over 6 foot pads) over 650 orchid varieties and many exotic tropical plants. The morning session is at Merritt Island Ace Hardware. Afternoon session is the Knotts' residence in Cocoa Beach. Call 784-0478.

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free Kids Fishing Clinic at Port Canaveral cruise terminal #4 sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Foundation for Responsible Angling. Call 488-6058.

Saturdays, 9 p.m. Summer Saturday Nights at the Brevard Zoo. Enjoy the zoo after hours and listen to area entertainers every Saturday night through August. Cost is zoo admission;

ask for information on the joiner fee discount. Call 259-2929.

Saturdays and Sundays, 2-3 p.m. Guided hikes through the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary in Titusville. A trained guide leads a one-hour hike through the trails and talks about native plants, habitats, historical and cultural points of interest. Call 264-5185.

July 3, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Kidfest - Party on the Island at Kiwanis Island Park Community Center for children from kindergarten through age 12. Cost is \$5 per person
Call 455-1380.

July 3, 7-9 p.m. Family Karaoke Night at Palm Bay Community Center featuring karaoke for kids and parents. All unattended children must be signed in and out by a parent. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Call 952-3443.

July 4, 5 p.m. City of Palm Bay 4th of July Celebration at Brevard Community College. There will be live entertainment, featuring "The OuttaSight Band," "Groove Monsters" and the "Florida Cracker Cloggers." There will be children's activities and games, snacks and food vendors. A fireworks display begins at 9:30 p.m. Call 952-3443.

July 4, 4:30 p.m. Independence Day Celebration at Front Street Park with fireworks, activities, live music, food, games for kids, moonwalk and more. Shuttle transportation will be available at 4:30 p.m. from the Melbourne Auditorium. Call 255-4608.

July 4, 9 p.m. Fireworks display sponsored by the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department. Spectators should park west of Brevard Ave. starting near Cocoa City Hall and the post office. Call 633-1874.

July 4, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Christopher Columbus Social Club sponsors the picnic featuring barbecue chicken, Italian sausage, ham-

burgers, hot dogs and more at the Pelican Park Pavilion. Cost is \$7, children younger than 10 eat free. For more information, contact 951-8532.

July 5, 9:30 a.m. Independence Day Parade. The parade proceeds through historic downtown Melbourne and ends at Honor America and the Liberty Bell Memorial Museum. Call 727-1776..

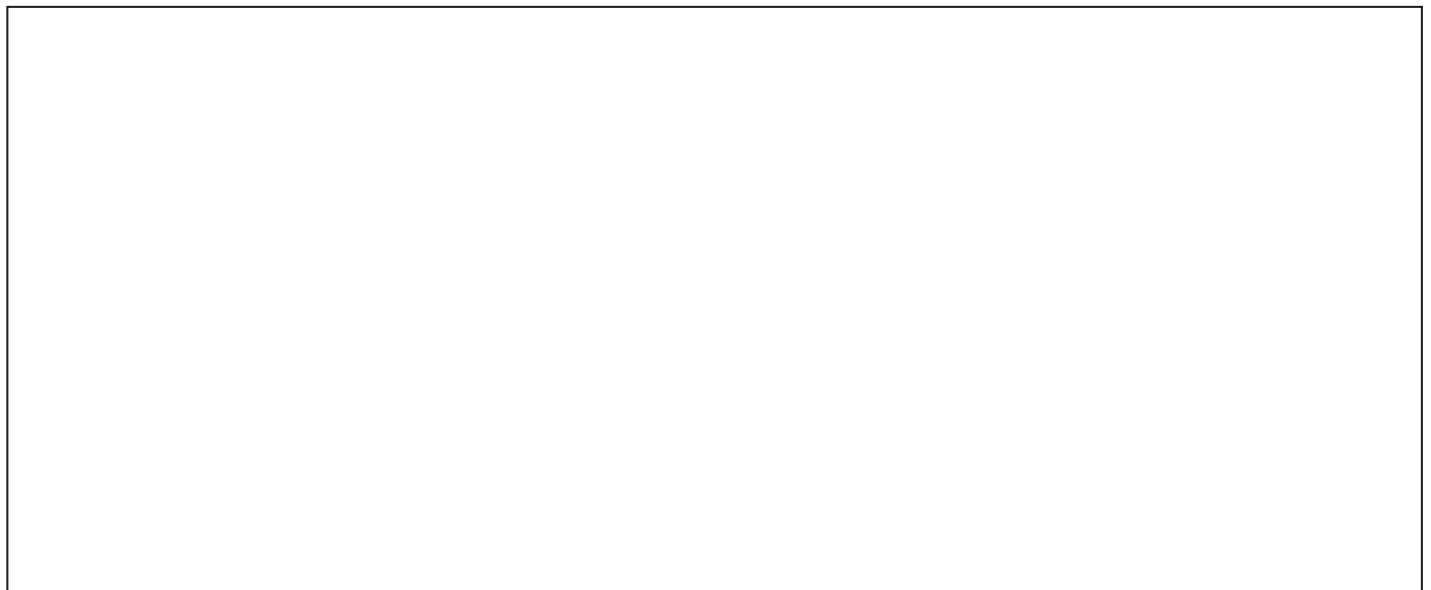
July 9, 7-10:30 p.m. Friday Night Teen Dance Party for teens ages 13 through high school senior - ID may be required. Dances will be rotating throughout Brevard County. Go to <http://www.spacecoastteens.com/news/index.htm> for list of locations and dates. Cost is \$5 in advance at the dance site and \$7 at door. Concessions will be available. Call 633-1874.

July 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Child Safety Seat Check Up. The University of Florida Brevard County Extension Department conducts a free safety check on child car seats. The public Children's safety seat will be inspected for proper equipment and installation. For more information, or to register, call 633-1702.

Auditions

Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. The Surfside Players need up to seven men and five women, between the ages of 21-55 for the first play of their upcoming season, "Plaza Suite" by Neil Simon, a three-act comedy. Call 783-3013 for more information

July 6-7, 7 p.m. The Titusville Playhouse holds auditions for its production of "Company," a New York musical with a witty look at relationships. The show will be playing Aug. 27 - Sept. 11. The director is looking to cast six adult males and eight adult females capable of singing solo. No experience is necessary. For more information, contact 268-3711.



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 - Chalupa, burritos, Mexican chicken breast, chicken enchiladas
 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. For more information, call dial-a-menu 494-2845. Bolded items are healthy choice meals.

MOVIES

Friday Van Helsing The legendary vampire hunter is on an ongoing battle to rid the world of vampires and other ghoulies. He travels to Transylvania to bring down the powerful Count Dracula and joins forces with Anna Valerious to rid her family of an old curse by defeating the vampire. Stars Hugh Jackman and Kate Beckinsale. Rated PG-13 for nonstop creature violence, frightening images and sensuality. 132 min.

Saturday Van Helsing See Friday's movie synopsis.

Sunday Mean Girls Raised in the African bush country, Cady thinks she knows about "survival of the fittest." But the law of the jungle takes on a whole new meaning when the home-schooled 15-year-old enters public high school for the first time and falls prey to the psychological warfare and unwritten social rules that teenage girls face today. Stars Lindsay Lohan and Tina Fey. Rated PG-13 for sexual content, language and teen partying. 97 min.

Thursday New York Minute Seventeen-year-old sisters Jane and Roxanne are on a wild romp through the streets of Manhattan. Sidetracked, sideswiped and chased from Chinatown to Times Square to Harlem by everyone from assassins to politicians to a whacked-out truancy officer, the sisters also find unexpected romance. Stars Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. Rated PG for sensuality and thematic elements. 91 min.

Show time are 7:30 unless otherwise noted. Adults pay \$2.50, children 12 and under pay \$1.50.

CHAPEL

Catholic

Daily Mass (Tuesday - Friday) at 11:30 a.m. in the Library while Seaside Chapel is being renovated.
 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 Theater.

Protestant

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship in the Theater while Seaside Chapel is being renovated.
 11 a.m. - Contemporary Service in the South Patrick Chapel.
 Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner in South Patrick Chapel.

