



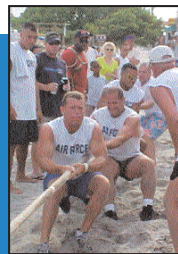
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Boy's dream soars with launch



Photo by Pat Corkey

Kieran applauds the launch of an Atlas IIAS rocket from his perch at Lockheed Martin's Atlas Spaceflight Operations Center May 19. Kieran, 7, who suffers from a serious heart

condition, saw the launch and was given a tour of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station as part of a Make-A-Wish Foundation sponsored trip.

By 2nd Lt. Kevin Coffman
45th SW Public Affairs

It was a dream come true for Keiran Nadeau.

The plucky 7-year-old boy got an up-close view of an Atlas IIAS launch May 19. The launch satellite marked the last commercial launch of an Atlas II rocket. Its payload, a satellite that will provide cable television programming to North America.

The 45th Space Wing, International Launch Services and Lockheed Martin sponsored Kieran's visit to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in coordination with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This organization grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Kieran and his family traveled here from their home in Prince George, British Columbia. Kieran, an avid space enthusiast, suffers from a serious heart condition. "His ultimate dream was to become a jedi knight, but last year he realized that was impossible because it is a movie-thing," said Sandy Nadeau, Kieran's mother.

One of the next best things to actually being a jedi knight and traveling in space is seeing a rocket launch from the Cape. The Make-A-Wish Foundation sponsored the Nadeau family on a weeklong visit to Central Florida that included visiting several Orlando theme parks, Kennedy Space

Center and an up-close and personal view of an Atlas IIAS rocket mission.

Capt. Martin Brabham, 5th Space Launch Squadron, escorted the family on a tour of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. It started with viewing the tower rollback from the Atlas IIAS rocket at Space Launch Complex 36-B, followed by a windshield tour of the Cape.

They then proceeded to Lockheed Martin's Atlas Spaceflight Operations Center to view the launch.

"Kieran was extremely excited during liftoff. He watched until the rocket was completely out of sight," said Capt. Brabham. "Afterward, I asked him if he liked what he had seen. Kieran gave me a thumbs-up and then a high-five."

"He's a little man when you talk to him, he has spent more time with adults, doctors and nurses than he has with children his own age," said Mrs. Nadeau. "He is much more mature than you'd think."

Kieran also fulfilled another dream last Saturday by attending Jedi Training School and dueling Darth Vader at Disney-MGM Studios. "The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a great organization," said Capt. Brabham. "It was great to be a part of giving Kieran the opportunity to have a wish come true."



By Brig. Gen. Greg Pavlovich
45th SW commander

Go Atlas! It was a beautiful launch last week as we partnered with the Lockheed Martin team to successfully launch an Atlas IAS with a commercial satellite. We're approaching the end of an era as we prepare our final Atlas IAS for launch this summer.

The timing of the May 19 launch enabled us to host the Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee for a launch viewing. They had the honor of being the group to christen the new viewing stand at the Range Operations Control Center. What a great chance for some great Americans to see their Air Force! Then it was back inside for business as they continued work on their support plan for the Junior Enlisted Picnic, June 11. Courtesy of the MAC, there will be a beach party at the NCO Club to honor our enlisted force. The party will be 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. More details will follow as it gets closer, but mark your calendars now. Trust me, this is an event you don't want to miss.

Members from around the wing also took advantage of the early evening window and came out to view the launch. It was a launch to remember for a lot of folks. As you saw from the front page, we were able to make the dream of a child come true by hosting him for a launch. What a great reminder of how impressive our mission - and our responsibility - is.

Still haven't seen a launch yourself? Don't wait - check with your supervisor and make arrangements to attend. Supervisors are encouraged to work within their group to fair share the passes made available for uniformed military and civilian service personnel for each launch. Everyone needs to come out and see firsthand the important mission this wing does for the Air Force and our nation. Next up is a Boeing Delta II, which is poised to deliver another Global Positioning Satellite. Scheduled for June 4, GPS IIR-12 will enhance our precision timing and navigation constellation.

Speaking of precision timing, this week we welcomed the Air Force Eubank Team. They

picked a beautiful time of year to come down to evaluate our Services Squadron, which was named, as you know, best in Air Force Space Command. Welcome! I regret my TDY kept me from attending the Wing Appreciation Night - I'm sure it was a world-class event. I know it was more than the scenery that impressed the evaluators as they toured our facilities and met our outstanding personnel.

Outstanding personnel like Master Sgt. Ian Morley, a 45th SVS warrior who was just named the USAF Base Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year for 2004. Super! Not only does Sgt. Morley's work get recognized in the command with winning the AFSPC Honor Guard competition, now his talents are honored at the Air Force level. Wow! Best in the entire USAF!

The good news doesn't stop there. The Noncommissioned Officer Association just named our Space Coast Chapter the "Southeast Large Chapter of the Year." What a great honor for these men and women who help make Patrick AFB a better place to work, live and play. As part of our Council of Military Organizations, I've seen firsthand the impact these folks generate. They compete for the worldwide award next and we wish them well.

Outstanding people, great mission - it doesn't get any better than this and there isn't anything more important than safeguarding that. We're in the midst of our Critical Days of Summer campaign and as you saw the headlines this past week...there is a reason why this season is critical: a local woman was killed in a watercraft accident. Truly tragic.

After our safety stand down, everyone should know that our focus is zero mishaps so we're "All Alive in '05." Every member of this fine fighting unit is critical to our mission. No matter what your job is - everywhere in the wing, every individual is mission essential.

It all comes back to START, the performance plan we rely on to get our job done every day is also how we need to address safety so that we can meet that zero mishap goal. "All Alive in '05" is a mission, not a bumper sticker.

I hope the safety sessions were an eye opener for you. I'm sure people in the audience were thinking 'not me.' But it is you we're talking about - it is everyone. Statistically, every fifth person who sat in the theater or in Hangar F last Friday will be involved in an accident this year.



Photo by Maj. Douglas Stropes

Master Sgt. Kyle Lee, 45th Range Maintenance Squadron, left, and Col. Gregory Billman, 45th Operations Group commander, cut the ribbon on the new viewing platform at the Range Operations Control Center, May 19.

You heard from Florida State Highway patrolman Lt. Pat O'Neil. I'm sure all of the folks he sees "distracted" from driving think they aren't one of those statistics, either. But the fact of the matter is we have some of the deadliest highways in the state. You need to be working to decrease your statistical probability, not expend energy denying that it could be you.

How do we do that? Operational Risk Management. The same tools we use on the job to evaluate our mission activities we can - and should - use for our off duty activities. Let's face it ... there is some semblance of risk with most of our activities. We aren't going to eliminate risk - but we can control it with ORM.

On- or off-duty, the ORM steps are the same:

1. Identify Threats
2. Assess the Risk
3. Implement Risk Controls
4. Analyze Risk Control Measures
5. Make Control Decisions
6. Supervise and Review

Now that sounds complicated but it all comes down to common sense. Apply it often and you'd be surprised how quickly your mind will be able to process through all those steps. More importantly, do it often and you can potentially save your life.

Remember: "All Alive in '05." No dumb stuff - it is that simple. Let's be careful out there and God bless!



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Remember sacrifices on Memorial Day

By General Lance W. Lord
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It is my hope that this Memorial Day finds you and your families safe, healthy, and happy. Let us all pause and reflect on this great day and remember the heroes who have gallantly gone before us and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.



Photos courtesy of Air Force Link

A Delta II, carrying a Global Positioning System satellite, launches from here March 31. In the first six days of Operation Iraqi Freedom, more than 80 percent of the munitions that hit targets were precision-guided.

We first observed this day of remembrance after the Civil War, by decorating the graves of the soldiers who gave their lives in that conflict. Since then, wars have been fought on many fronts to ensure the liberty of free nations from the jungles of the South Pacific to the bloody beaches of Normandy, atop the slopes of the Korean peninsula to the rice paddies of Vietnam, and from the mountains of Afghanistan to the deserts of Iraq.

This Memorial Day finds our nation once again engaged in a conflict that challenges the very ideal of American freedom. The war on terrorism is a war we did not seek, but it is a war we will win. We know victory will again come with a heavy price, but let us all be filled with a renewed sense of mission. We are honored to stand in an unbroken line of patriots who dare to give all so that freedom might live, grow, and increase its blessings. The torch of freedom is now ours to carry.

May the quality of our deeds and our devotion to duty set a shining example for all Americans. Let us reserve the honors this Memorial Day for those who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom. May we continue to keep these veterans in our hearts, on our minds, and in our prayers. May god bless the United States and all the heroes we honor.

Becky joins me in saluting your outstanding performance. I am proud to serve alongside each and every member of Air Force Space Command. We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday.



At Balad Air Base, Iraq, an Air Force HH-60G Pave Hawk deploys pararescuemen from the 64th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron.

Below, Airmen from the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron on a night patrol are silhouetted by an oil refinery on fire in Kirkuk.



Commander Q&A :

Maj. Jeff Ramsey
45th Space Wing
Command Post

Q: What is the mission of the 45th Space Wing Command Post?

A: The mission of the command post is to enhance the 45th Space Wing commander's strength through active peacetime and wartime command and control (C2) operations.

Q: How does the Command Post assist the 45th SW during an emergency situation?

A: During an emergency situation, Command Post directs all contingencies, disaster and emergency man-

agement operations for Patrick Air Force Base, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Antigua Air Station, Ascension Auxiliary Air Field and all other 45 SW assets.

Q: How does the Command Post assist the wing commander?

A: Command Post acts as an executive agent for the 45 SW commander by being a focal point for space launch operations and programs. We do this by receiving and disseminating alert messages and submitting all operational reports to higher headquarters.

Chief sends Memorial Day message

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The following is a Memorial Day message from Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray:

"In our nation's capital, we memorialize American patriots who have fought and died for our country throughout history - the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, Arlington National Cemetery, and the newest addition, the National World War II Memorial, which will be dedicated on our National Mall on Saturday.

"In small towns and big cities around our nation this Memorial Day, Americans will gather around flagpoles and in cemeteries to remember the bravery of their neighbors, friends, and family members who have laid down their lives so that we may continue to fly the flag of freedom.

"Our generation of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and Airmen shares a bond with warriors of generations past. We, like them, understand in a personal way the unfortunate truth that there are times when blood must be spilled in order for peace to be secured. We, like them, know that the ultimate sacrifice may be required in order to defeat the darkness that threatens our way of life.

"This Memorial Day, as America remembers the courage and commitment of heroes who died in service to our nation, we owe it to each of them to continue the fight for which they gave their lives, thus ensuring that America remains the land of the free and home of the brave."

Pause to reflect

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Redmond Raux
45th SW Chaplain

As we come and pause on Memorial Day 2004, I invite you to take some time and consider how you will commemorate it this year. Growing up for me, it was a time to note the flags being set out in the local cemeteries and as time passed by, to insure that there were flags on the graves of my own family members who had served. It is a time to come together with families, friends, or coworkers, and in grateful remembrance appreciate the efforts and sacrifices made by others or our freedom.

The National Moment of Remembrance is an act of national unity to honor America's fallen. All Americans, wherever they are at 3 p.m., local time, are asked to pause for a moment of reflection honoring those who died for our country. Pause for a moment to think about those who paid for our freedom with their lives. Ask others to remember - members of your family, friends, church, neighborhood, or co-workers - to observe the moment.

Your participation in this shared remembrance will help to unite the country, demonstrating gratitude and respect for those who died so that we may live in freedom. Give a moment to honor those who gave a life.

Whatever tradition you and your family have formed in celebrating Memorial Day, please take the time to include a moment wherever you are, with whomever you are with. A time dedicated to honoring the heroes of the past.

Let us pray:

Merciful God, as we gather this Memorial Day, we are reminded of the continued tensions and troubles in the world around us. We, who enjoy freedom and liberty, pray with gratitude for the many individuals who served to provide the freedoms and safety we enjoy. We pray for those who made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives that we may be free. Lord, hear our prayer this day as we remember with respect and honor those to whom honor is due. In Your name we pray, Amen.

MILESTONES

Tyndall NCO Academy Graduates

Distinguished graduate:

Tech Sgt. David Hutchinson, 1st Range Operations Squadron

Tech. Sgts:

Bertrand Caouette, 333rd Recruiting Squadron

Anthony Farr, 45th Space Wing Manpower office

Jason Murray, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron

Anthony Neece, 1st ROPS

Stuart Ragas, 3rd Space Launch Squadron

Anthony Sibbing, Air Force Technical Applications Center

Thomas Witcher, Detachment 2, 605 Test and Evaluations Squadron

Airman Leadership School

May 14 graduates

Senior Airmen:

Chris Ball, 45th Space Communications Squadron

Calvin Bradley, SOUTHCOM

Beau DiFrenna, 45th Security Forces Squadron

Timothy Faircloth, 45th Weather Squadron

Ericka Franklin, AFTAC
Danielle Gagne, 45th Medical Operations Squadron

Bradley Graves, AFTAC

Marcus Millen, 45th CES

Karen Payne, AFTAC

Porcha Pendleton, 45th MDOS

Jackelin Tabora, 45th Mission Support Squadron

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Airman 1st Class Daniel Bush, 2nd Space Operations Squadron

Airman Stacie Hackworth, 45th Medical Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Daniel Bushkin, 45th CES

Staff Sgt. Timothy Walsh, 45th CES

Senior Airman Heather Aldridge, 45th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Airman 1st Class Dietlinde Willie-Davis, 45th ADOS

Staff Sgt. Timothy Walsh, 45th CES

Senior Airman Donald Schrier, 45th CES

Airman Matthew Delgado, 45th MSS

Staff Sgt. Julian Blyden, 45th ADOS

Airman Megan Byers, 45th MDSS

SHARK OF THE WEEK



Master Sgt. Ken Mengel

Detachment 2, 605th Test & Evaluation Squadron

Detachment Superintendent/ Additional Duty first sergeant

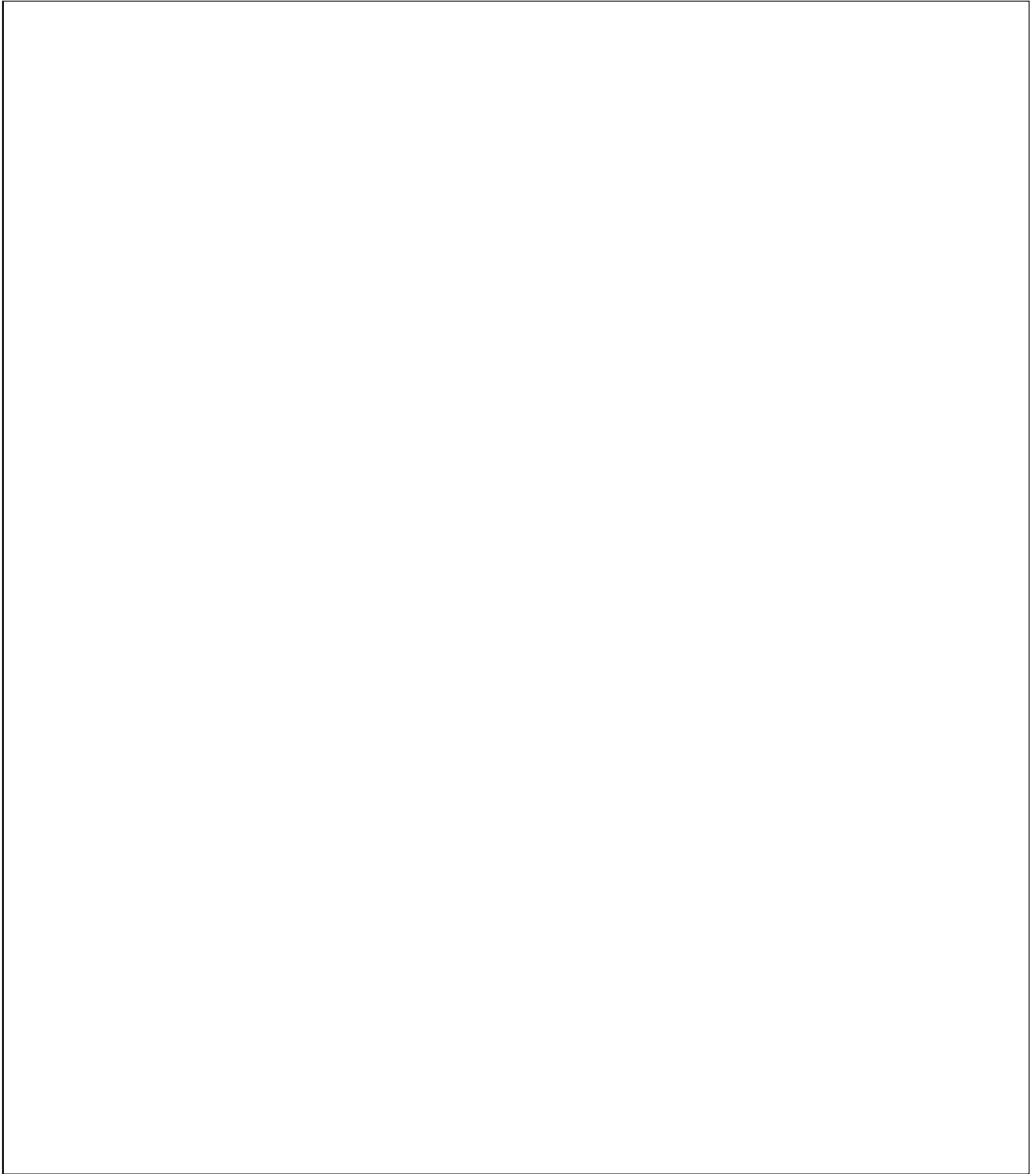
Hometown: Freedom, Penn.

Favorite Motto: Work hard, play hard

Exceeded the standard: Master Sgt. Mengel is invaluable to our detachment of 24 personnel as acting first sergeant attending all Patrick Air Force Base "Shirt" meetings, keeping us in tune with base activities. He's been carrying an extra

heavy load recently, watching over our deployed members' families, and coordinating with host base agencies. Additionally, the wife of one of our members has been seriously ill. Ken has gone above and beyond, taking care of her family as well. He deserves the recognition as "Shark of the Week." - Lt. Col. Dale King, Det. 2, 605th Test & Evaluation Squadron.

Inspiration to exceed the standard: I enjoy helping people, especially families of those deployed. I know it puts the deployed member's mind a little more at ease knowing his or her family is being looked after while he or she is away.



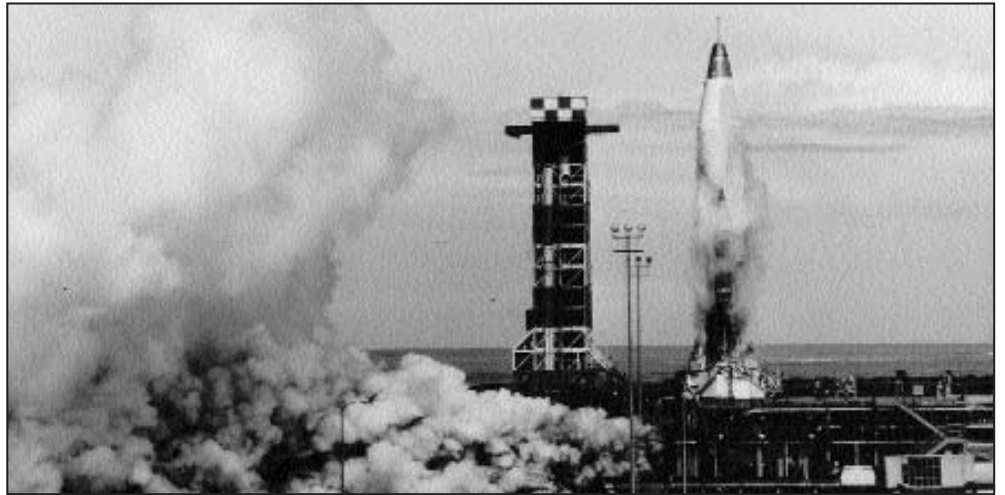


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The first Atlas missile launch at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station was June 11, 1957. More than 290 Atlas missiles and space vehicles were launched on the Eastern Range before the end of 2003.

Rocket debuts highlight June space, missile history

June 3, 1954 The Air Force attempted the first Snark missile landing at the Cape's Skid Strip on this date. The missile's skids collapsed and the Snark exploded, but all damage was confined to the missile.

June 11, 1957 The Cape supported its first Atlas missile launch. More than 290 Atlas missiles and space vehicles of all types were launched on the Eastern Range before the end of 2003.

June 27, 1957 The Cape supported its first live Bull Goose missile launch. Thirteen more live Bull Goose missiles were launched from

Complex 22 between Aug. 20, 1957 and Nov. 29, 1958.

June 4, 1958 Pad 18B supported its first Thor ballistic missile launch.

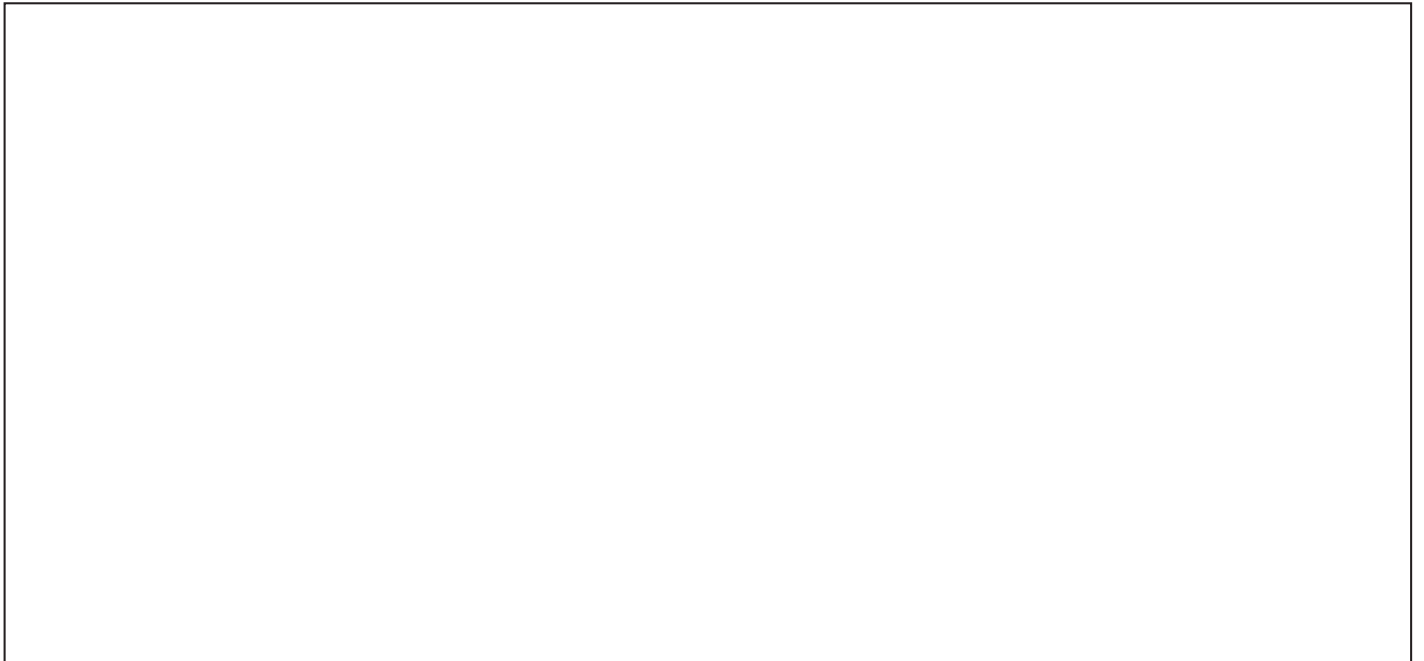
June 18, 1965 The Cape supported the first Titan IIIC launch from Complex 40. Thirty-five more Titan IIIC missions were launched from the Cape's Titan launch complexes (40 and 41) between Oct. 15, 1965 and March 7, 1982.

June 30, 1966 The working population of the Air Force Eastern Test Range was near its zenith. In all, 29, 331 people worked in the assigned units, range contractors, mission ten-

ants, service contractors, range and base support agencies and other tenants.

June 14, 1989 The Cape supported the first Titan IV launch from Complex 41. Twenty-four more Titan IVs were launched from the Cape's Titan launch complexes (40 and 41) between June 8, 1990 and Sept. 10, 2003.

June 14, 1999 The Air Force accepted Lockheed Martin's Atlas V program for operations on the Eastern Range. June 1-7, 2001, the first Atlas V booster and upper stage arrived at Cape Canaveral.



Deadline set to apply for developmental education

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - Mission support officers considering Basic Developmental Education programs in 2005 have until June 15 to apply.

Available programs include the Air Force Institute of Technology; Education with Industry; Space Lift Education and Crossover Program; Space and Missile Acquisition Exchange Program; Acquisition and Intelligence Experience Exchange Tour; Acquisition and Logistics Experience Exchange Tour; Comptroller Operation Logistics Tour; Lean Aerospace Initiative; Fellowship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School; Communications and Information Engineering Exchange; Civil and Developmental

Engineering Exchange; and the Financial Management Leadership Program.

"These programs are great opportunities for young officers," said Lt. Col. Phil Cooper, AFPC deputy chief of the mission support officer assignments division. "All officers should take the time to check into developmental programs such as these and apply if it seems right for their progression."

Officers in logistics, civil engineering, program management, developmental engineering, communications and information, services, public affairs, manpower, special investigations and other mission support career fields may be able to apply for one or more developmental programs. Additionally, officers in intelligence and space and missiles can apply for exchange

programs with the acquisition career fields.

Officers must be released by their core assignment team before applying and officers must submit a completed Air Force Form 3849, "PME/AFIT/RTFB Officer Worksheet," to the Air Force Personnel Center by June 15, according to Capt. Ryan Mueller, developmental engineering assignment officer. "This process is separate from the ongoing Intermediate Developmental Education process and eligibility requirements vary for each program," he said.

E-mail addresses for application submissions and complete details about each program are available at local Military Personnel Fights or online at: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/acquis/AFIT05Message.htm>.



Arthritis affects variety of people

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

It could be an ache here or a pain there. It could be nothing at all, but the possibility of arthritis should be on everyone's mind.

"Arthritis can affect anyone," said Maj. Leonard Schubring, 45th Medical Group senior physician assistant of family practice. "It comes in many forms making all of us susceptible."

According to Maj. Schubring, arthritis pain can develop from normal wear and tear or from overworking joints. There are also degenerative forms of arthritis, where a person's joints break down over time.

"A person who performs manual labor is usually more prone to arthritis than someone who holds an administrative job," he said. "Someone working in an assembly line environment is also at a high risk."

Unfortunately, even a person who doesn't perform those types of jobs may not be safe from arthritis.

"Certain types of arthritis can be passed along genetically between family members," said Maj. Schubring.

According to Maj. Schubring, if pain in a person's joints gets to the point where it affects his or her ability to perform he or she should consult a physician.

"If left untreated, the pain will get worse and could ultimately affect a person's ability to even get out of bed."

On a military installation, where everyone plays a vital role in accomplishing the mission, the loss of one person could have a negative affect.

"As servicemembers, it's vital that we be able to wear the equipment designed to protect us," said Maj. Schubring. "Protective gear adds a considerable amount of weight on a person's body. If the person suffers from joint pain, it may limit his or her ability to wear that gear."

In many cases doctors will issue over-the-counter medicines that can help alleviate minor pain but if necessary, a prescription medication may be given.

By leading a healthy lifestyle, a person can deter the onset of arthritis, said Maj. Schubring.

"An overweight individual is going to have more problems in their weight bearing joints, including the back, knees and hips than someone in good shape."

The slightest pain could be nothing or it could be a sign to take notice of arthritis and the possible health risk it can impose on anyone.

Be prepared this hurricane season.
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Medical group gets 'thumbs up' from AF

By **2nd Lt. Elizabeth Kreft**
45th SW Public Affairs

Members of the 45th Medical Group received more Air Force-level kudos this month for two separate parts of the clinic staff. This adds to a list of recent accolades for the entire medical staff.

Clinic Optimization Award

Capt. (Dr.) Kelly Trapold, a primary care team chief, and her staff of four clinic members have earned the Air Force Clinical Optimization Award for 2003, bringing the award back to the 45th MDG for the second year in a row.

The optimization award recognizes outstanding team performance and achievement in optimizing health care delivery.

"Winners are selected based on team impact on optimizing health care delivery and the categories considered are customer satisfaction, staff satisfaction, quality of care, access, cost effectiveness data quality, base or community involvement, leadership, job involvement and primary duties," said Lt. Col. Anne Sproul, Family Practice flight chief.

"All Primary Care Manager teams must coordinate actions when caring for patients," said Lt. Col. Sproul. "This team in particular manages the care of over 1,400 beneficiaries, many with complex medical problems.

"Although each team member has a different role, his or her actions must be synchronized in order to effectively and efficiently provide quality care."

The team-treatment concept leads the way for the optimization awards each year. Lt. Col. Sproul explained that operating in this sense allows each member of the team to execute his or her job tenaciously, ensuring that the patients get the best care possible.

"The team's primary focus is to provide outstanding medical care while saving the patient from unnecessary visits," she said. "At all levels this team is trusted with making the right decisions for their patients' medical management."

The award highlights the efforts of the team's ability to implement START and generate effective results for their patients.

"The award is significant, and it's good recognition of our team's dedication to coming together for the betterment of patient care. We put trust in each other knowing that we will do the right thing for the patient, and that makes us successful," said Capt. Trapold.

Surgeon General Assignment

Capt. Jennifer Vecchione, a physical therapy element chief, has been chosen to serve as the new traveling executive officer for Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor Jr., the Air Force Surgeon General.

"I really had no idea this was coming," said Capt.

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Vecchione. "I was notified just a few weeks ago that my report date for the yearlong assignment is July 15."

When volunteering to escort top-level Air Force officers for CORONA in February of 2003, Capt. Vecchione had the opportunity to visit with Gen. Taylor and act as his liaison for the base.

"I really didn't do anything spectacular, just the normal escort stuff, but I guess I made a good impression on him," said Capt. Vecchione.

In February of 2004, Capt. Vecchione again had the opportunity to catch up with Gen. Taylor at the Air Force Association conference where he was a delegate.

"I had the opportunity to re-introduce myself and speak with him for a few minutes, but I really didn't think anything of it, I just saw it as a unique opportunity to talk with him again," said Capt. Vecchione.

Though she didn't realize it, Capt. Vecchione made another good impression on the general and his staff.

"When I spoke with Air Force Space Command, the scheduling officer said I was on the short list for the position, but when I asked him how that happened he just said that the general's staff put my name in," said Capt. Vecchione.

"I'm just really thankful that my bosses have supported my efforts to participate in out-of-office activities, with the Company Grade Officers Association and other groups," she said.

"Lt. Col. Montano and Lt. Col. Abbott trusted my judgment enough to allow me to make the decisions on when to participate in certain activities. If they hadn't given me those opportunities, I wouldn't be headed to this position."



Photo by Jim Laviska

Keeping Patrick green

From left, Col. David Cox, Wesley Westphal, Moses Harvin and Lt. Col. Raymond Sable, plant a tree for Arbor Day in Chevron Park. Chevron Park was designated the 45th Space Wing's arbor area. Each year the wing plans to plant a tree in the area to provide shade and protection for personnel using the area.

Civilian guards tapped to control base gates

Addition of civilians allows security forces augmentees to return to their units

By Gary Emery
AFSFC Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – People entering the gates at 11 Air Force bases are being greeted by some new faces, a trend already experienced by those traveling to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

About 400 contracted civilian guards began providing entry controller services at selected active-duty bases May 18. The bases gaining civilian guards are Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; Bolling AFB, D.C.; Hill AFB, Utah; Whiteman AFB, Mo.; Nellis AFB, Nev.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; Elmendorf and Eielson AFBs, Alaska; Dyess AFB, Texas; and here.

The guards have been hired to help the Air Force add force-protection measures, said Col. John Salley Jr., commander of Air Force Security Forces Center headquarters here. Additional requirements include 100-percent identification checks at base gates and increased vehicle inspections, he said. The guards will help alleviate operational commitments of active-duty security forces.

“Security forces at many bases have been greatly assisted by the Army National Guard,

(Soldiers, Airmen) from the Air Force Reserve components and security forces augmentees, but many of them will return to their units soon,” Col. Salley said.

For example, the Air Force is scheduled to lose the services of about 5,300 Soldiers this fall.

“With the exception of rendering salutes to commissioned officers, the civilian guards will perform the same entry-controller duties as their military counterparts,” said Lt. Col. Randee Preston, deputy director of the center’s Air Force protection commodity council.

The guards will be used for installation entry-control point duties and will inspect commercial vehicles in search areas, she said.

Contract guards are usually not used on active-duty bases, although the 45th Space Wing uses contract guards for security at CCAFS. The Air National Guard has also successfully used civilians to guard its installations for years, Col. Preston said.

People can be assured the contract guards are fully qualified, she said.

“Every one of the people employed will be required to meet state requirements for training and licensing as armed guards, as well as meet-

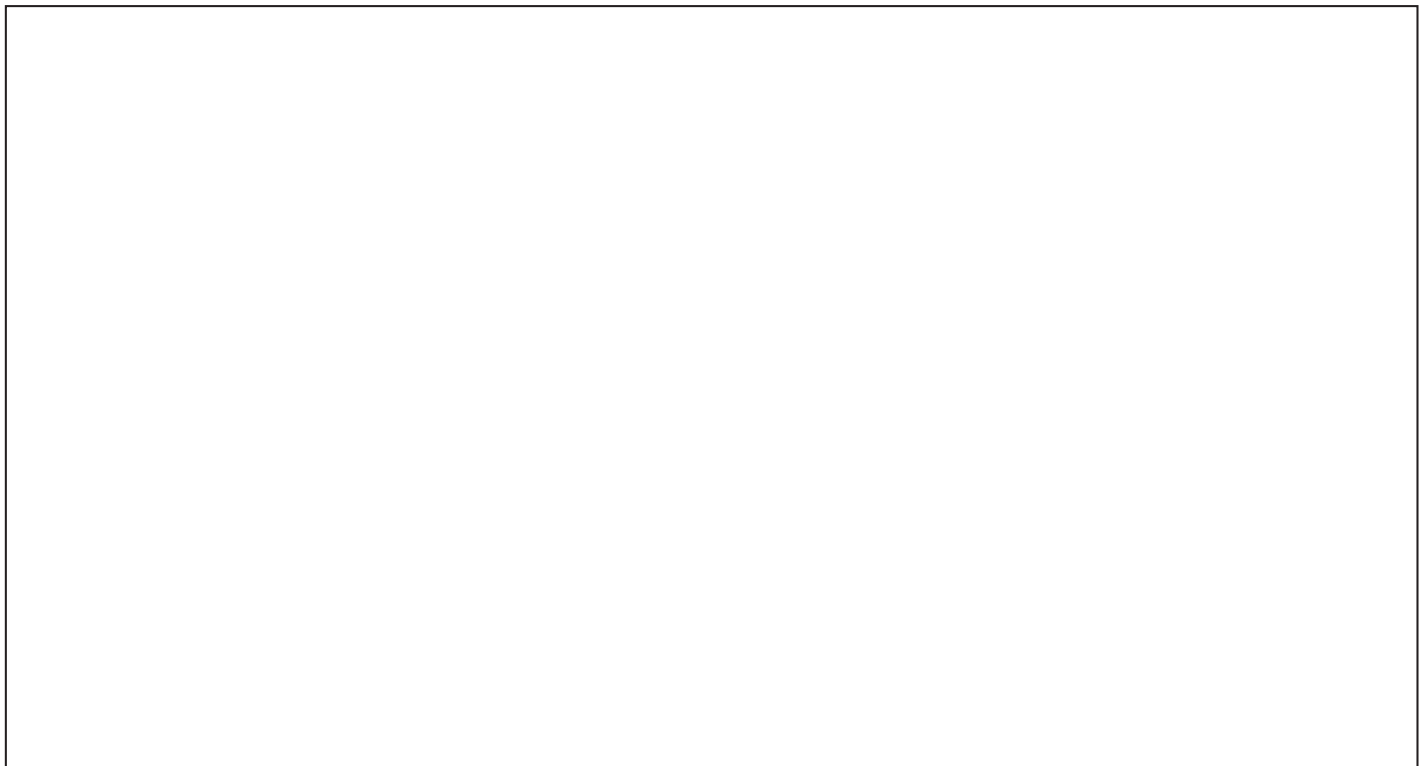
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Lt. Col. Randee Preston
AIR FORCE SECURITY FORCES CENTER HEADQUARTERS

ing Air Force and local base training requirements,” she said.

Also, quality-assurance evaluators from security forces units at each location are trained and will monitor the performance and effectiveness of their civilian counterparts, she said. Air Force headquarters funds the basic contract with each base or its major command responsible for funding extra requirements, such as overtime, more training and posts for unexpected force-protection condition changes.

Given the possibility of increased Air Force requirements for security forces, additional contracts for armed security guards may be necessary in the future, Col. Salley said.



Online statements

Effective June 1, pay statements will no longer be mailed to military members. Mid-month pay statements, Leave and Earnings Statements and W-2 forms will only be available via the MyPay Web site. To gain access to this on-line system stop by the 45th Comptroller Squadron between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday. For more information, call Finance Customer Service at 494-4882.

Outbrief scheduled

An Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program outbrief is scheduled for Thursday at 11 a.m. in the E&L conference room. The brief will cover the recent audit done at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Malabar and Jonathan Dickinson Missile Tracking Annexes. Interested personnel are invited

to attend. For information, call 494-9262.

MPF closes

The Military Personnel Flight in Bldg. 537 will be closed June 4 for an official function. Call Tech. Sgt. Shawn Rivers at 494-6144.

Learn something new

The Family Support Center offers classes for military and their family members for various activities. Check out the Job fair Tuesday from 9 a.m. - noon. Classes on Wednesday include cooking "Homemade sausage gravy" from 11 a.m. - noon, and an Info fair at the BX from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free popcorn will be offered at the FSC on June 4, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

All classes are in the FSC, Bldg. 722, except where noted. To reserve a seat or for more information, call 494-5675.

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Picnic scheduled

The annual Junior Enlisted picnic will be held June 11 from 11 a.m.3 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Space Coast Top Three Association with support from the Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council.

This free event is organized to show appreciation for younger enlisted troops, and volunteers are needed to serve food and drink. For more information about the event or to volunteer call 494-4506 or 476-2674.

Vacation Bible School set

Registration is being accepted through June 6 for Vacation Bible School held June 14-18 at South Patrick Chapel.

The program is open to children in preschool (ages 4 and 5) through 6th grade and is held 9 a.m. - noon. Bus service is provided from

Central and North Housing.

Registration forms are available at Seaside Chapel during duty hours or following weekend services and Masses. Space is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call Mary Beth Keith at 494-4128.

Bible study starts

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

The study begins June 11, and meets at the Family Support Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, call 494-5675.

Symposium planned

The 8th Annual Cape Canaveral Spaceport Symposium is June 15-16 at the Radisson Resort in Port Canaveral. It explores plans/visions for the use of space for the

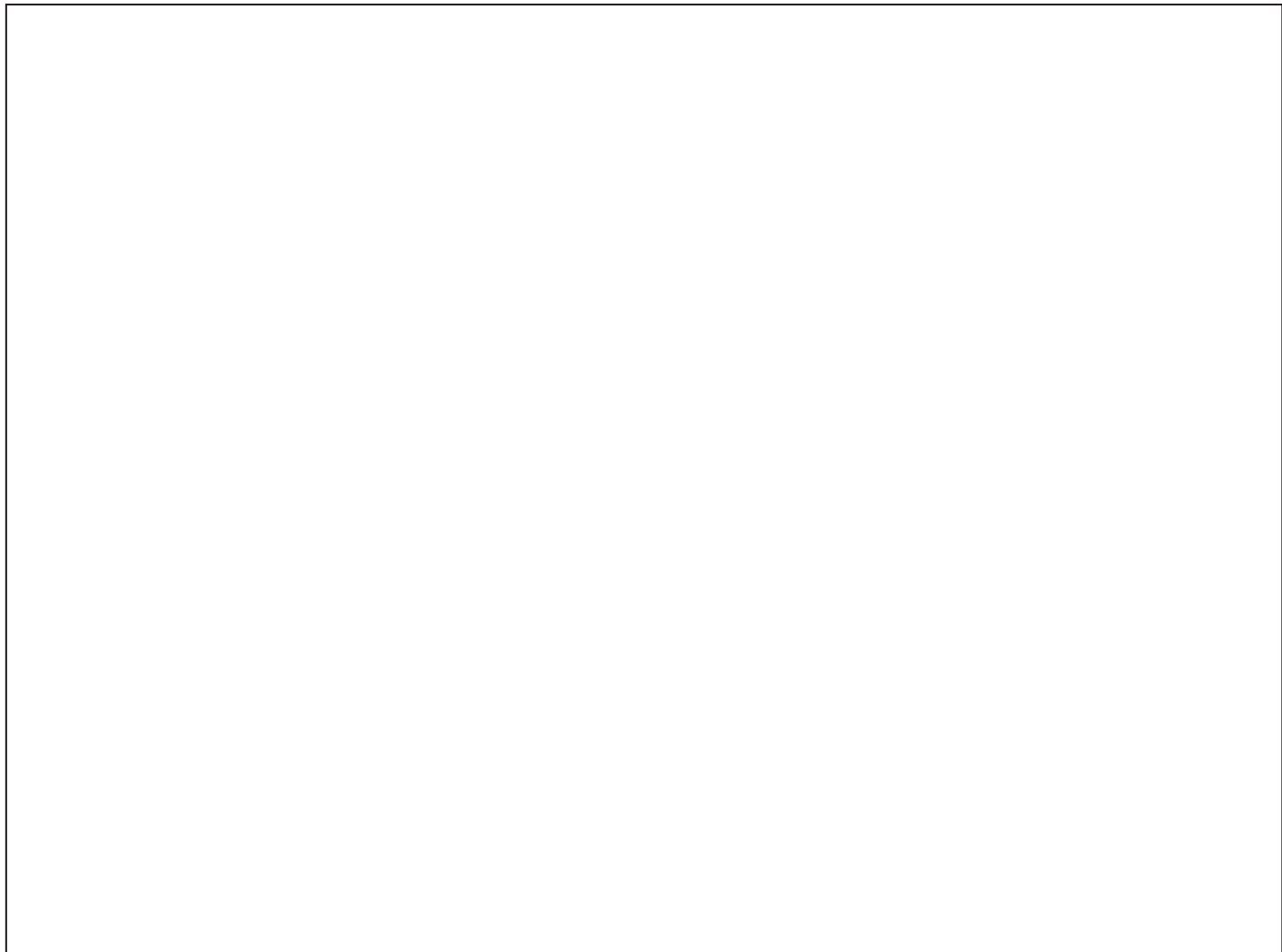
nation's defense over the next 30 years. Patricia Grace Smith, associate administrator for commercial space transportations with the Federal Aviation Administration will give the keynote address. To register, or for more information, visit www.capecanaveral.spaceport.org.

Take SAT

The next Scholastic Aptitude Test for military members only is June 22 at 7:30 in the Education Center, Room B-8. Sign up by calling 494-2071. The next SAT is in October. For more information, call Mary Morgan at 494-2938.

Hours expanded

Family Services/Airman's Attic is now open on Mondays. New hours are Monday--Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. It's located in Bldg. 735, across from the library and Family Support Center. Call Sal Noto at 494-5675 for more information.



Monkeys in space



By Roger McCormick
Air Force Space and Missile Museum

History was made 45 years ago Friday when at 3:35 a.m. on May 28, 1959, an all female space crew rode a rocket 300 miles above the Earth. Liftoff was aboard a 60-foot Jupiter rocket from Pad B at Launch Complex 26, today part of the Air Force Space and Missile Museum at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Though their names and faces may not be as familiar as other more famous space explorers, this crew none the less made its mark on history by being the first to travel into space and be successfully recovered.

During the 15 minute flight they reached speeds of 10,000 miles an hour, experienced



Photos courtesy of the Air Force Space and Missile Museum

"Monkeyonaut" Baker

nearly nine minutes of weightlessness and a peak force of 38 g's or 38 times their own weight before splashing down in the Atlantic Ocean some 1,500 miles downrange of the Cape. Landing was within five miles of the Navy recovery ship, the U.S.S. Kiowa. The successful flight also landed the space heroines in the headlines of newspapers across the country and even on the cover of Life Magazine.

These two famous pioneers of space were not actually astronauts, they were "monkeynaughts" named Able and Baker. Able was a seven-pound, reddish-brown, Rhesus monkey born in Independence, Kan. She received her training and conditioning for space flight at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, D.C., the Army Medical Research Laboratory at Fort Knox, Ky., and the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Huntsville, Ala.

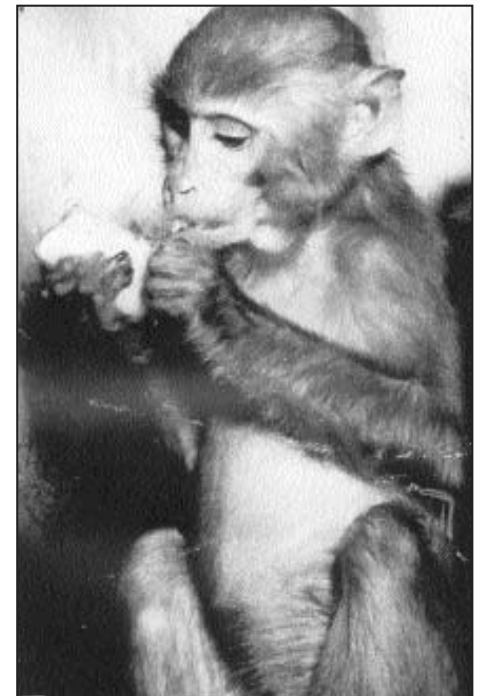
Baker was a one-pound, long-tailed, squirrel monkey born near Iquitos, Peru. She received her training at the Naval Aviation School of Medicine at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla. Able and Baker's flight was a repeat of flight that was carried out on Dec. 13, 1958, by a single male monkeynaught named Gordo. This little squirrel monkey survived his flight into space but when a flotation device on his nosecone failed at splashdown, he sank and was lost before recovery teams could reach him.

On June 1, 1959, doctors at the Fort Knox facility were preparing to surgically remove an electrode that had been implanted under Able's skin to relay medical information during the course of her historic flight. Just after a mild anesthetic was given, rapid and convulsive movements of her heart were detected. Army doctors worked feverishly for hours to save their patient, but they were not successful.

Following Able's death, Baker participated in public appearances without her fellow space traveler. In the mid 1970s she was a guest on The Dinah Shore and Mike Douglas television shows, as well as appearing on Good Morning

America. Baker retired and lived at the Alabama Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville until Nov. 29, 1984, when at the age of 27 she died from respiratory complications brought on by kidney failure.

The mission flown by Able and Baker provided important information needed before this nation could risk sending a human astronaut into space, a feat accomplished by astronaut Alan Shepard nearly two years later, and from a spot just several hundred yards from Able and Baker's launch pad.



"Monkeynaught" Able

Running like the wind



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

As if tracking the wind wasn't enough, Staff Sgt. Matthew Mitchell, 45th Weather Squadron forecaster, also runs and bikes like it.

Sgt. Mitchell takes fitness to new levels, competing in almost every event the 45th Space Wing can throw at him along with multiple events in the community. His latest achievements include first-place finishes in a duathlon at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, an 8-K run in Cocoa Beach, the biking leg of the annual Pedal, Paddle and Pant competition and this month's bike race at CCAF, where he also set a new record.

Adding to those accomplishments, Sgt. Mitchell scored a 100 percent on his WarFit test in April, a feat Mike Mendonca, Patrick Fitness

Center's personal trainer, says should be commended.

"It's like earning the gold medal," he said. "When you get a perfect score, it means no one can get any higher than you. It's a real testament to someone's determination to stay physically fit."

Although Sgt. Mitchell has been active most of his life, he admits there was a time early in his Air Force career when fitness was not in the forefront of his mind.

"The first year and a half I was in the service, I really didn't make fitness a part of my life," he said. But according to Sgt. Mitchell, once he started back up, he couldn't get enough.

"When I first got back into biking and running I was quickly drawn in," he said. "I remembered how much fun it is."

Along with enjoyment, there is the personal satisfaction that comes with exercise, said Sgt. Mitchell.

"I enjoy pushing myself to see how much better I can do," he explained. "When it came to my WarFit test, I was surprised at how much faster I ran than I thought I would."

Sgt. Mitchell puts in a lot of hours checking the skies above Patrick Air Force Base and CCAFS, but using good time management, he finds a way to fit his workouts in.

According to Sgt. Mitchell depending on his schedule, he tries to lift at least once a week, bike four or five times a week and run two or three times a week.

"With the addition of WarFit, it's been much easier to find time to work out," he said.

Sgt. Mitchell not only benefits from his exercise here, but also when he finds himself in a deployed location.

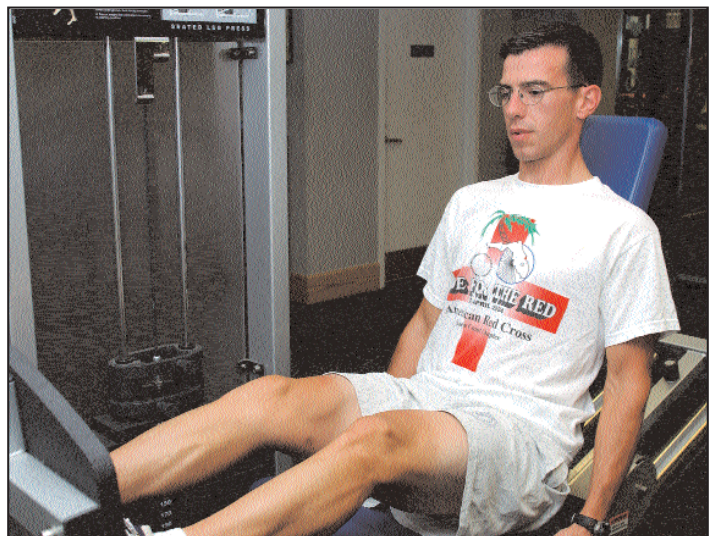
"We deploy a lot these days," he said. "The healthier you are physically, the better you'll be able to hold up emotionally." Sgt. Mitchell said his fitness really kept him on top of his game during his last deployment.

Sgt. Mitchell will attempt to add to his list of first place finishes when he competes in a 5-K run, Saturday, in Melbourne. "It feels great to think that I can positively represent the Air Force every time I go out and compete."



Photos by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

Staff Sgt. Matthew Mitchell, 45th Weather Squadron forecaster, jogs around Patrick Air Force Base. Sgt. Mitchell, who participates in many wing athletic competitions as well as community activities, runs at least two times a week. On other days he bikes and lifts weights.



According to Sgt. Mitchell, staying in shape is not only beneficial to his health, it also helps him perform better at work.

AAFES makes moves easier

DALLAS - The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is now offering access to a new Military Moving Center service at aafes.com.

This new service is available to all military and authorized customer households. Service personnel moving into or residing at any address within the U.S. can log on to the Military Moving Center through aafes.com to compare and purchase utilities, telephone, video, Internet access and other essential household services.

"The Military Moving Center enables military consumers to conveniently compare and purchase household services online in a matter of minutes," said AAFES commander Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost.

"Military personnel are faced with the proposition of moving their entire family from one location to another every couple of years. The Military Moving Center is designed to be a powerful tool for our mobile customers."

The Military Moving Center, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, offers a one-stop shopping experience that saves service members time by allowing them to complete purchases quickly (typically only three minutes per service).

Authorized Exchange customers can access the Military Moving Center through the Military Moving Center link at aafes.com. More than 400 service providers currently offer services through the Military Moving Center. Its network coverage reaches all U.S. households with up-to-date services and specials that enable consumers to purchase utilities and other essential household services within minutes.

"AAFES is always looking to make service members' lives easier," said Gen. Frost.

"This new service is another example of how we support the AAFES motto of 'We Go Where You Go.' Even when our customers are on the move, AAFES finds ways to help make the process more convenient."



101 Critical Days of Summer - Safety Quiz #1

The first correct response e-mailed to the 45 SW/SEG 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. will not be counted. Winners will be contacted by SEG to receive their prize and their name will be announced in the *Missileer*.

- 1) According to Air Force Instructions, who specifically is required to attend Supervisors Safety Training?
- 2) What is the purpose of the "Course I, Standard Traffic Safety Course?"
- 3) What personnel constitute the membership of the Confined Space Program Team?
- 4) According to the Air Force Safety Center website, the Air Force had how many fatalities during the 101 Critical Days of Summer for 2003?
- 5) According to the 45 SW Fire and Emergency Services Program, how often shall fire evacuation exercises be conducted for Health Care Occupancies?

Look for the answers, the winner for this quiz, and the next quiz in the June 11 edition of the *Missileer*.

The Calendar

Friday

▲ S.W.A.P. three-mile river walk at Patrick Fitness Center. Time to be announced. Participants receive a baked potato and choice of toppings at the Health and Wellness Center after the event. For more information call 494-4534.

Monday

▲ Memorial Day Golf Tournament, 8 a.m., at the Manatee Cove Golf Course.

Tuesday

▲ Around the World in Ninety Days promotion kicks off. See any Services facility for details or call 494-8063.

▲ Stand for Children Day, 9 a.m., at the Child Development Center. Parents and children create a human chain around the CDC to symbolically show support for youth. For more information, call 494-7028.

Wednesday

▲ Simply Shrimping Class, 5 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$5. Call 494-2042 for more information.

Thursday

▲ Cape Canaveral bus trip, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$5 per person and includes viewings of early launch pads and the Cape Canaveral lighthouse. For more information, call 494-9692.

June 7

▲ Services Squadron Appreciation Day at Rocket Lanes Bowling Center. Anyone who works within the 45th Services Squadron pays 50 cents for bowling and 50 cents for shoe rentals. For more information, call 494-2958.

▲ Community All Stars Camp, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., June 7-18, at the Youth Center. This camp provides a fun, activity oriented enrichment program offering entrepreneurial endeavors, development of interpersonal skills and finances. For more information call 494-4747.

Flight chief takes job to heart

By Marla Holbert

45th Services Marketing and Publicity

He's quippy, quirky and full of spunk – and as stressful as his job is at times, John Detmer rarely displays a curmudgeonly demeanor.

As the 45th Services Squadron business operations flight chief, Mr. Detmer oversees five of the organization's top money makers: the Aero Club, Bowling Center, Officers' and NCO clubs, the golf course and marina. Yet despite all of his responsibilities, Mr. Detmer finds time to make his workday lighthearted – calling his job anything but ordinary.

"If I could use one word to describe him, it's 'entertaining,'" said Angela Walsh, secretary for the 45th Services Squadron commander. "Every day is a new experience. He's quick-witted, extremely intelligent and very experienced in what he does."

Despite his jocularity, Mr. Detmer is quite serious about his role in the business flight. Much of his work ethic, he says, was gleaned from places he frequented as a child, like the YMCA.

"I liked the people there and how they serviced others," he said. "I knew that was something that I wanted to do."

So following several youth and recreational-type jobs in South Dakota, California, Washington, England and Germany, Mr. Detmer landed a director's position in 1985 at Patrick Air Force Base and soon began making his mark. One of the first big events he took under his belt was what is now known as the base's two-day Fourth of July extravaganza.

"At that time they had a Fourth of July event, but it really wasn't that big," he said. "But in recent years it has grown bigger and bigger. Honestly, I get as big of a kick watching someone pick up a piece of chicken through a food line at special events, as I do watching the fireworks on the fourth."



Photo by Marla Holbert

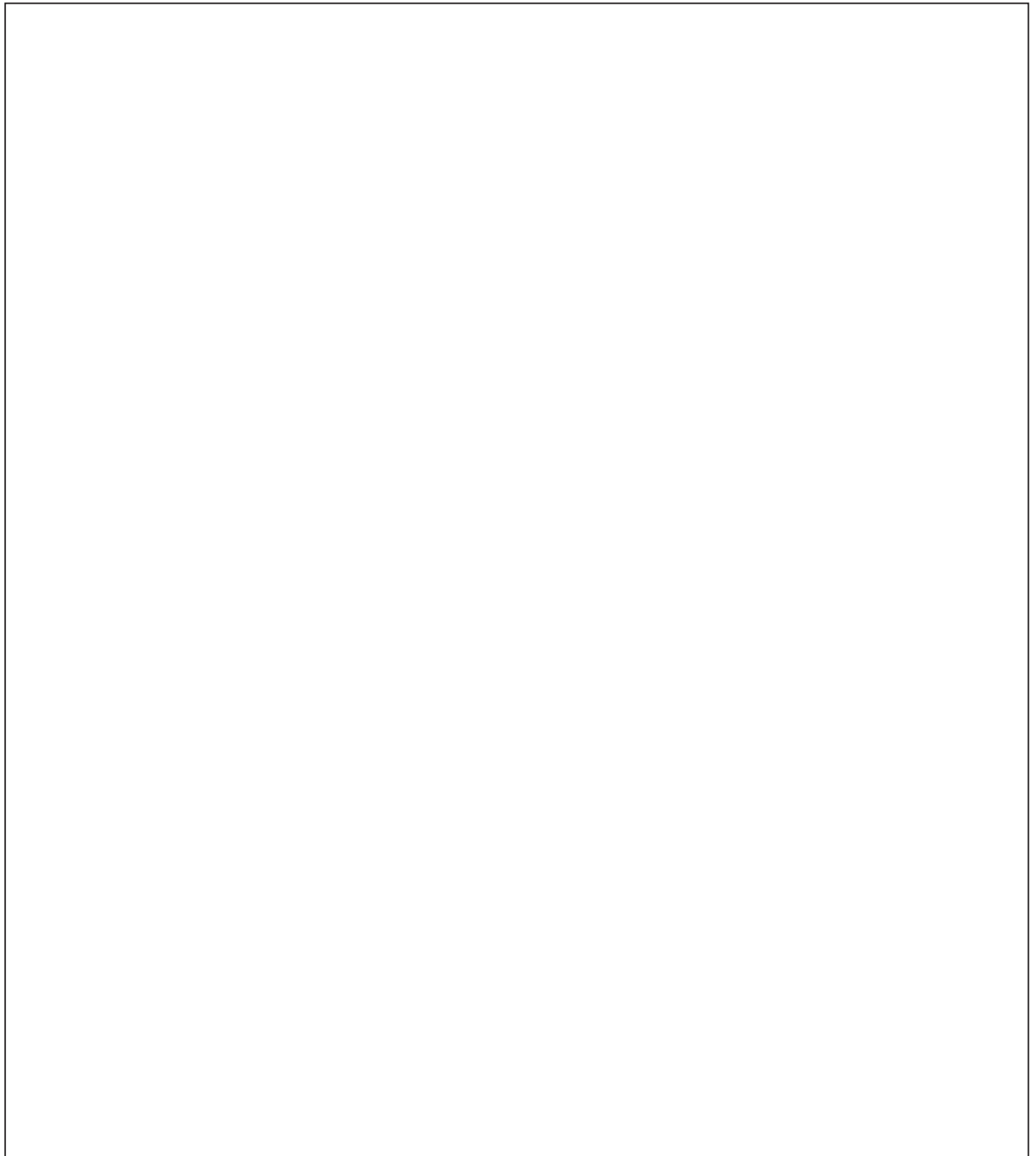
John Detmer, 45th Services Squadron Business Flight chief, left, discusses the finer points of cooking hamburgers with Barbara Holt, Rocket Landes Bowling Center manager and Steve Gaines, a fry cook.

Business flight workers say that his dedication to the mission, combined with a caring heart, bring a lot of continuity to the organization.

"He really makes coming to work an enjoyment," said Barbara Jewell, Mr. Detmer's secretary. "(He) has been here for so long and knows everything and everyone." The Business Flight looks up to him, "not only are we about business but we're like family and he is the leader of the pack."

"He's the 'godfather' of business operations," said Johnnie Rivera, manager of the Officers' Club. "When he hands out advice everyone listens. His management techniques are old school – lead, follow or get out of the way. But he truly cares about his staff, whether it is on or off duty. He's always there to help."

"My main responsibility is to the blue suiter," Mr. Detmer says. "To that end my job has been an outstanding adventure."



Beachfest fun for competitors, onlookers

By 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Kreft
45 SW Public Affairs

Get your sun block and sunglasses ready, Beachfest 2004 is here.

Friday through Monday this Memorial Day weekend marks the 16th annual Beachfest, sponsored by the Cocoa Beach Pier and Cocoa Expo.

The free four-day festivity is a multi-event celebration and contest organized to highlight the hard working military and public security agencies in the local area.

"We start planning this event a year in advance, and the fun starts today," said Giles Malone, Beachfest coordinator. "We will have a kick-off party on the pier with live bands to serenade."

Saturday morning kicks off the main attraction for the weekend: the inter-service military and civilian Beach Sports Championships.

"These contests are huge every year for our participants," said Mr. Malone. "I've already seen teams out practicing by the pier for some of the events, so we are all looking forward to a very competitive match this year."

In 2003, the Air Force Beachfest team took first place by a small margin, taking the lead only after the winning final event, the tug-of-war.

The 2004 Air Force team co-captains Chief Master Sgt. Jerry Delebreau, from the 45th Security Forces Squadron and 1st Lt. Nate Beard, from the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron expect a tough battle, but a win nonetheless.

"We tried to fill the roster with competitors from last year, then fill in the gaps with people who won some of the Warfit challenges this sea-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Strickland

First Lt. Nate Beard, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Chief Master Sgt. Jerry Delebreau, 45th Security Forces Squadron, with other Air Force team members wage "tug-o-war" on another Beachfest team for the final event of the 2003 contest. The competition for 2004 promises to be as stiff as years past.

son," said Lt. Beard. "We have a solid team, but we need people to come out and support us and cheer us on as we try to take home the trophy again."

In years past the entire contest day was filled with events that tested the strength and endurance of each team, and this year is no different.

"Not only do we have some of our favorite contests coming back, such as the tug-of-war and the hands-of-stone, we have come up with additional tests — like our new one called Hang Time where we make members from each team wear a weighted vest and hold themselves up on a chin-up bar — that will be especially fun for the crowd," said Mr. Malone.

The weekend also boasts of crowd-pleasing events such as a bikini contest and several free musical events hosted by Cumulus Broadcasting.

"We are looking forward to this weekend because we enjoy honoring our troops and local law enforcement," said Beau Richards, a local radio personality from 107.1 WA1A. "It's a great way to meet some of our listeners and to show our support for all of our servicemembers."

Richards' on-air cohort in crime, Timmy V, also said he was extremely excited to be back working with the event.

"We can't wait. It'll be a blast all four days for everyone who shows up. The competitions are fun to watch, and the entire weekend is packed with entertainment for the entire crowd."

Parking for the event will be available at the Cocoa Beach Pier, and in surrounding parking lots for various prices. Outside coolers are not allowed, but several food and drink vendors will be available.

For those interested in more information on the weekend's events, contact Giles Malone at 639-3976 or gilesmalone@cocoaexpo.com.

All-stars

Jeff Stanley drives the ball into the outfield during the Patrick Air Force Base Intramural Softball All-star Game Wednesday evening at the Pelican Coast Sports Complex. Stanley and his National League teammates were defeated 28-8 by the American League squad. One member from each intramural team was selected to represent his or her team in the game.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shaun Emery

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fight for beach supremacy

The 16th Annual Military Beach Sports Championships will be held at the Cocoa Beach Pier May 28-31. The event will involve all branches of military service along with local agencies.

Active-duty WaterFit

In an effort to meet the demands of the Air Force fitness standards, the Patrick Fitness Center is now offering a Wednesday morning aerobics class from 6-7 a.m. and a "lunch plunge" WaterFit class on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 - noon. Active-duty members have priority. For more information, contact Naomi Parish at 494-4534.

Weekly WaterFit classes will resume June 8 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The new instructor will be Leiane Roche, aquatics director. For more information, contact, 494-5042.

RIVERSIDE DINING

Saturday Brunch – Cajun meat loaf, **crispy baked chicken**, ribeye steak
Saturday Supper – Fish amandine, **pork chops with mushroom gravy, stir fry chicken with broccoli**

Sunday Brunch – **Chicken parmesan, sauerbraten, tuna and noodles**
Sunday Supper – **Fried shrimp**, ginger barbecue chicken, spinach lasagna

Monday Lunch – Baked fish, **fried chicken, barbecue pork ribs**

Monday Dinner – **Roast turkey, baked ham, fish and fries**

Tuesday Lunch – **Grilled Salisbury steak, onion-lemon baked fish, yakisoba**

Tuesday Dinner – **Barbecue beef cubes, paprika beef, pork chop suey**

Wednesday Lunch – **Sukiyaki, teriyaki**

chicken, beef stir fry, sweet and sour pork

Wednesday Dinner – **Country style steak, fried chicken**, pita pizzas

Thursday Lunch – Liver with onions, orange-spiced pork chops, tempura fried fish

Thursday Dinner – **Pepper steak**, Mr. Z's finger lickin' chicken, **ginger pot roast**

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, please call dial-a-menu 494-2845.

Bolded items are healthy choice meals.



Catholic

Daily Mass (Tues. – Fri.) 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 is in the Theater, while the Chapel is being renovated.

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.

MOVIES

Friday *Walking Tall* After returning from serving his country overseas, Chris finds his high school rival, Jay, has infested his hometown with drugs and crime. With the help of his pal, Ray, Chris gets elected sheriff and shuts down Jay's operations. His actions endanger his family and threaten his own life, but Chris refuses to back down. Stars Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Johnny Knoxville. Rated PG-13 for intense violence, sexual content and drug material & language. 85 min.

Saturday *Hellboy* A demon, Hellboy, raised from infancy after being captured by and rescued from the Nazis, grows up to become a defender against the forces of darkness. When Rasputin returns to plan the destruction of mankind, it's up to Hellboy and his friends to stop him. Starring Ron Perlman and John Hurt. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence and frightening images. 122 min.

Sunday *The Girl Next Door* Matthew Kidman is a straight-arrow over-achiever who has never really lived life, until he falls for his new neighbor. When Matthew discovers this perfect "girl next door" is a one-time adult film star, his sheltered existence begins to spin out of control. Stars Emile Hirsch and Elisha Cuthbert. Rated R for strong sexual content, language and drug/alcohol use. 109 min.

Thursday *Hellboy* See Saturday's synopsis.

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

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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Events

Sunday, 10 a.m. A Memorial Day ceremony is planned at the Melbourne Military Memorial Park. The park is between Hickory and Oak Streets, adjacent to Honor America's Liberty Bell Museum at 1601 Oak Street. The event is to include a special recognition of military personnel stationed in Brevard County and at Patrick Air Force Base. The keynote speaker will be Ed Palmer, a retired U.S. Army colonel, who now serves as a Melbourne City Council member. The Melbourne Municipal Brass Choir will provide music. Additional information is available at 727-1776.

Friday - Monday, a state bonsai tree convention will be held at the Radisson at the Port in Cape Canaveral. There will be a 5,000-square foot vendor area with bonsai-related supplies and free demonstrations for beginners. Bonsai displays at the convention will be split between 600 indoor containers and 22 bonsai trees arranged outdoors. Admission to the public is a donation of \$5. For more information about the convention, go to www.bonsaisocietyofbrevard.org.

June - July, Turtle Watch 2004 begins. The Sea Turtle Preservation Society conducts turtle watches at night on various nights of the week at local area beaches. The watches allow the

public to attend a brief interpretive program on sea turtle biology and the threats to sea turtle survival, followed by a guided walk to view a nesting loggerhead. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 676-1701 or visit www.SeaTurtleSpaceCoast.org.

Exhibits

Friday - July 11, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. Sundays. "Double Visions: Companions & Choices," a fine art exhibition of quilts paired with watercolor paintings at Brevard Museum of Art and Science, 1463 Highland Ave., Melbourne. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 students (with ID) and children under 12, free for children under 2. Admission is free to the general public 1-5 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information, call 242-0737

Shows

Sunday, "Annie Get Your Gun," performed at the Titusville Playhouse, 301 Julia St. Show times is 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and \$13. For more information, call 268-3711.

Wednesdays and Fridays, The Brevard Community College Astronaut Memorial Planetarium and Observatory's new show "Ring World" chronicles the study and exploration of

Saturn. Show start at 2 p.m. throughout May. Tickets are \$6, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children. Call 433-7373 or visit www.brevardcc.edu/planet.

June 5-6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Maxwell/Gunter Air Show at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., commemorating the 60th anniversary of D-Day. The "Wings of Victory 2004" air show will feature U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerobatic team and the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team. Demonstrations will be held both days. Other featured aerial acts include "Tora! Tora! Tora!," "Aero Shell," Air Education and Training Command's T-6A Texan, World War II Warbirds and other performances. The air show is free to the public. For more information, visit the official air show Web site at www.maxwell.af.mil/airshow.

Auditions

Tuesday - Wednesday, 7 p.m., Titusville Playhouse Inc. holds auditions for its first show of the 2004/2005 season, Lone Star Love Potion. No experience or preparation is necessary. For more information, call 268-3711 or visit the playhouse Web site www.nb-bd.com/godo.tpi.

