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Titan II payload

Contractors hoist the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association's weather satellite to the top of the Titan II booster sitting on the pad at Space Launch Complex-4 West Aug. 23. The satellite was lifted to the top of the booster with a crane while still inside its shipping container. Four hours after the operation began, the payload was mated to the booster for the upcoming launch scheduled for Sept. 20.

14th Air Force major wins prestigious slot

By MASTER SGT. JANET NEUBECKER
30th Transportation Squadron

■ The Air Force has selected four servicemembers to work at various levels in the Department of Defense to enhance their decision-making skills and leadership. One of the four is a major from Vandenberg's 14th Air Force.

Maj. David Kaneshiro was one of four Air Force officers selected to take part in the Department of Defense's Executive Leadership Development Program. Training begins Sept. 11 in Washington, D.C.

This year-long program was designed to enhance management and leadership skills, increase understanding and appreciation of today's warfighters, and expose participants to the roles and missions of the defense department.

"I feel most fortunate to be selected, and take great pride in representing Team Vandenberg," Kaneshiro said.

"Applying for the position was the easy part. I had a lot of help from the



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Maj. David Kaneshiro.

staff," he added. "The hard part starts now."

The selection process took five months from the date Kaneshiro applied

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Air Force unveils new TV commercials

By TECH. SGT. R.R. GETSY
Headquarters U.S. Air Force

■ WASHINGTON, D.C. — Evoking feelings of "pride and patriotism, fascination and diversity," the Air Force has wrapped up test screenings of its new television commercials, which are slated to premiere Aug. 25 in movie theaters and Sept. 2 on network and cable TV.

The unveiling for Pentagon media Aug. 23 is another initiative to address

Air Force recruiting and retention challenges and increase the visibility of the service. Even though the Air Force has met this year's recruiting goal, recruiters are not resting on their laurels.

"These commercials are the next offensive in our war on recruiting and retention," said Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters. "At the heart of the issue is retaining the quality people we

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Soldier remembers 'Forgotten War'

Korean memorial marks sacrifice by infantry division

By SUN PARK

Vandenberg Family Support Center

September—it is the most beautiful time in Korea. The sky is crystal clear, the air is crisp and deciduous trees begin to change colors. Families take excursions to the countryside to visit temples, hike mountains and enjoy nature.

But 50 years ago, in the Land of the Morning Calm, I was a 4-year-old boy who lost his father in the heat of war, and who was about to lose his mother as well. Upon her husband's tragic death and her subsequent malnutrition, she developed a serious illness.

This naturalized U.S. citizen cannot forget the so-called "Forgotten War."

Today, my heart goes out to the present and former members of the 40th Infantry Division who dedicate this humble and modest, yet historically significant Korean War monument to their comrades-in-arms. On behalf of all Korean-Americans, I want to assure these infantrymen that their sacrifices did not end in vain. These citizen-soldiers' dedication and loyal service to America and to the United Nations to protect the name of freedom and democracy is appreciated more than they realize.

During the war, as the 40th Infantry Division fought in places such as Heartbreak Ridge and the Punchbowl, I was exposed to many events, including the U.S. Army's helicopter operations. They were used extensively to evacuate the wounded and, on one occasion, for the exchange of the prisoners of war



A grief stricken American infantryman whose buddy has been killed in action is comforted by another soldier. In the background, a corpsman methodically fills out casualty tags. The photo was taken by Army Sgt. 1st Class Al Chang in the Haktong-ni area of Korea, Aug. 28, 1950.

from an elementary school ground.

A cloud of dust was created upon landings and take-offs. The astronaut-like pilots who flew these strange creatures fascinated me. I looked for these funny-looking flying machines whenever I had the chance.

Many years later, as fate turns out, I was to immigrate to the United States with the help of foster parents and sponsorship

by the international Pen-Pal club.

I soon made my dream come true, and became a U.S. Army helicopter pilot, returning to my homeland and flying VIPs to historical sites. I once had the pleasure of flying Bob Hope and his entourage to Osan Air Base from the Yongsan helicopter pad.

In addition, on my recent assignment to Osan Air Base as a Department of Defense civilian employee, I escorted the Secretary of the Air Force and shared my war experience with him. He was particularly interested in my account of the devastation in Korea through the eyes of a child.

Most of my aviation experience in Korea was flying dignitaries to the Demilitarized Zone, as I was familiar with border procedures.

Hopefully, Korea will follow in the footsteps of Germany. I believe that the reunification of Korea is a matter of time and will occur peacefully, without any casualties, unlike the events that our 40th Infantry members had participated in 50 years ago.

However, the men and women of today's 51st and 8th Fighter Wings in Korea still remain vigilant for the worst-case scenario, and to defend the Freedom Frontier.

■ **The 40th Infantry Division Korean War Memorial will be dedicated today at 2 p.m. at the corner of Nebraska and California avenues.**

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Affordable child care for working families

By LT. COL. DAVID CANNON
30th Services Squadron commander

The Vandenberg Child Development Center offers quality care for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. In a caring and positive atmosphere, we create a warm and happy place for children to learn.

We guide children to a continued healthy self-image while building social skills to be used in any setting. Sensory, motor, perceptual, and language skills are introduced through materials and activities, which are mostly child-centered. Activities are planned that emphasize the process rather than the product, fostering a sense of accomplishment and pride.

Based on the theory that children learn through play, activity room routines encourage active involvement, meaningful experimentation, and continuous reinforcement. Schedules are designed with a balance of structure and free choice, as well as active and quiet times.

We value the active involvement of parents in our program. We strive to provide the highest quality childcare possible. The key to this success is dedicated caregivers who are knowledgeable about child development, and the ability for parents and caregivers to work as a team.

We aim to expand the development of the whole child by creating an environment conducive to the child's overall growth and development.

Parents of children who cannot be accommodated in the child development programs at the time care is requested must complete a DD Form 2606, Department of Defense Child Development Program Request for Care Record. Air Force policy mandates that employed parents are given higher priority on the waiting list. Air Force guidelines have been established for determining priority eligibility. Those guidelines, in order of priority, are:

- ◆ Single parents who are active-duty military or single parents who are Department of Defense civilians.
- ◆ Families with parents who are both active-duty military or DoD civilians.
- ◆ Parents who are active-duty military or DoD civilians with a spouse employed full time outside the home or who attends school full time. The family must provide proof of enrollment.
- ◆ Active-duty and DoD employees with spouses who are not employed.
- ◆ Retirees, DoD contract employees, and families



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Tricia Robinson helps Ayannah Howard wash her hands after a diaper change in Vandenberg's Child Development Center.

with only one employed parent.

◆ Unborn children can be placed on a waiting list. Parents must call when the child is born and provide the name and date of birth. The child then goes to a second waiting list for children ages 1 day to 5 weeks. At 6 weeks old, the child is placed on a third waiting list for children 6 weeks to 6 months old by priority and the date of the original request.

These priorities are established to ensure that Air Force Child Development Program goals contribute to the overall quality of life for the base community and their families to enhance Air Force readiness.

For more information, call the Child Development Center staff at 606-1555.

Vandenberg assists with presidential security

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ There are a select few among us who are called upon to protect and serve the president of the United States. When the call came, Team Vandenberg sent its best.

Twenty people from the 30th Security Forces Squadron and the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron served on the presidential support detail at the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles Aug. 10 through 18.

Tech. Sgt. Edward Grant, 30th SFS security response team leader, said he welcomed the opportunity to lead the two teams of six cops while they provided around-the-clock protection at Los Angeles International Airport.

"We secured Air Force One and Air Force Two while the president and vice president attended the convention," the two-time veteran of presidential support details said.

While the chief of security for Air Force One answered questions and approved photo requests of the presidential plane, Grant said, "We made sure no one took pictures of certain parts of the aircraft."

Serving on his first presidential support detail, Senior Airman Frank Mamea was surprised by the amount of security that accompanied the president.

"When the president arrived, there were about 50 motorcycle cops, Secret Service agents and snipers," the 30th SFS airman said.

Standing on the hard LAX tarmac might not seem to carry any perks, but the duty offered some golden opportunities.

"We actually got to meet the president and tour Air



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Senior Airman Darrell Krier and Staff Sgt. Terrie Welch, 30th Security Forces Squadron, walk their canine partners, Gizmo and King.

Force One," said Staff Sgt. Lee Stevenson, SRT nightshift supervisor. "The president told each of us, 'Thank you for your service.'"

When Vice President Gore was preparing to leave, he thanked all of the civilian and military security detail law enforcement officers before he boarded Air Force Two, said Airman 1st Class Steven McCartha, a first-time SRT member.

Grant's contingent was only part of the 20 people from Vandenberg who were providing presidential support.

Military working dog handlers Senior Airman Darrell Krier and Staff Sgt. Terrie Welch were there with their

Belgian Malinois partners, said Staff Sgt. Jeff Hardin, NCOIC military working dog section.

Working with 3-year-old Gizmo, Krier said "Our job on these types of missions is strictly detection."

Krier said he and Welch, partnered with military working dog King, worked entry control points at the Staples Center, cleared motorcades, and searched media equipment and other hand-carried items for explosives.

"Our job is to protect the president like the Secret Service. We just do it in a different way," Hardin said.

"The only thing that distinguishes these guys from the Secret Service is the fact that they have a leash in their hand and a dog at their side," he added.

Working together with the military working dog teams, 30th CES explosive ordnance disposal technicians were on hand for detection and consultation if the military working dogs alerted, said Tech. Sgt. Nelson Almodovar, EOD flight chief. They were part of a 200-man team of EOD technicians from around the country.

Under the purview of either the Secret Service or the State Department, their job falls under support for the VIP protection program, Almodovar said. In addition to the president, they support dignitaries from around the world.

"We do this on a routine basis," he said.

Highlighting the significance of the role of security forces and EOD, Hardin said, "What they do is extremely unique. These are the only two Air Force Specialty Codes that do presidential support."

When the detail came to an end, there were no explosives to disarm and no need to place themselves in the line of fire. Some met the president, others toured Air Force One. All represented their profession of arms well, Hardin said.



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Batter up

The Vandenberg Chief's Group held a pancake breakfast Tuesday at the base's chapel. Chief Master Sgts. Louis DeMonte, 30th Security Forces Squadron; Paul Krim, 30th Space Wing command chief master sergeant; and James Lewis, 576th Flight Test Squadron, burn breakfast over a hot stove.

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for the program. Selections were based on a combination of rank, professional military education, record review, and submission of AF Form 3849, officer worksheet.

Kaneshiro said that when he was notified of his acceptance, he was very excited. He added that his wife, Lisa, is also very happy for him. "She is very supportive of this unique opportunity," he said.

Kaneshiro is a 13-year veteran assigned to 14th Air Force. He's been on station one year, and holds the position of chief of acquisition and sustainment.

Although he has a broad knowledge of the Air Force mission, Kaneshiro said that he is eager to gain a better understanding of the

entire U.S. war-fighting force, and where Vandenberg fits into the big picture. He added that he is looking forward to the joint service experience.

He said that because of his position with 14th Air Force, a component of United States Space Command, his awareness of the joint service operation had vastly grown, but he would like to learn more.

Kaneshiro said his future goal is to

one day become a program manager overseeing the development of a new space system. However, Kaneshiro said, it's important for him to stay focused on the task at hand.

"I hope to bring back valuable ideas

"I hope to bring back valuable ideas that will enhance our mission. I love it here and am proud to be a member of Team Vandenberg."

Maj. David Kaneshiro
14th Air Force

that will enhance our mission," he said. "I love it here, and am proud to be a member of Team Vandenberg."

MAKE YOUR MARK; VOTE NOV. 7

Vandenberg people can exercise their right to vote during the 2000 general election Nov. 7. People can register to vote at the base exchange, commissary and several other locations throughout the base during Armed Forces Voter Registration Week Sept. 3 to 9. People can also call the base operator at 606-1110 and ask for their unit voting representative.

CEREMONY HONORS POWS, MIAS

The annual ceremony for Prisoners of War and those still Missing In Action is Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. in front of the base library. Volunteers are still needed for POW/MIA Day. To volunteer, call Tech. Sgt. Troy Weigel at 606-9044 or Staff Sgt. Lisa Antoni at 605-2633.

OFFICIALS CLOSE ROADS FOR CEREMONY

The 40th Infantry Division Korean War Memorial will be dedicated today at 2 p.m. at the corner of California and Nebraska avenues. The following roads will be blocked at 1:30 p.m. today:

The entrance to Burger King along California Avenue; Nebraska Avenue at the OSI parking lot; California Avenue at the exit to the Vandenberg Center; California Avenue at Community Loop near Burger King; and Nebraska, Utah, New Mexico avenues next to the arts and crafts center.

VANDENBERG HOLDS AEROSPACE SHOW 2000

The men and women at Vandenberg will hold the Aerospace Show 2000 Oct. 14 and 15. The event is free and open to the public. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.. The main attractions for this year's show are the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration Team and the U.S. Air Force Special Tactics and Rescue Specialists Parachute Demonstration Team. Other attractions include fly-bys of a B-2 stealth bomber and F-117 stealth fighter, aerial

acrobatics by modern and vintage aircraft, and static displays of military and commercial spacelift vehicles. For more information, call the 30th Space Wing Public Affairs office at 606-3595 or visit the base's website at www.vandenberg.af.mil.

ANNUAL CFC RUNS SEPT. 11 TO OCT. 20

The Combined Federal Campaign runs from Sept. 11 to Oct. 20. CFC is an opportunity for federal employees to donate, through payroll deduction or lump sum, to national or local charities of their choice. CFC is one of only two times each year when federal employees may be solicited for donations on duty. For more information, call unit CFC representatives or Capt. Scott Koopman at 605-7231, scott.koopman@vandenberg.af.mil.

HAWC CLOSURES EARLY TODAY FOR FUNCTION

The Health and Wellness Center closes at 11:30 a.m. today for an official function. Call 606-2221 for information.

OFFICER RESOLVES TRICARE DEBT ISSUES

The Undersecretary of Defense has established a debt collection assistance officer at every military treatment facility worldwide. Bonnie Robles, 606-6785, can assist TRICARE beneficiaries at Vandenberg with debt collection issues. For assistance, beneficiaries should take copies of any itemized bills, explanation of benefits, and any other correspondence to Robles, the 30th Medical Group's beneficiary services officer.

COMMISSARY STAFF WANTS APPLICANTS

The staff at Vandenberg's commissary will conduct a focus group discussion Sept. 14 and is looking for patrons to participate in the 90-minute session.

Patrons can fill out a focus group panelist application at the commissary, family support center or Retiree Activities Office. Applications should be returned to the commissary

customer service office or administration office. For more information, call Randy Epps, store director, at 734-3354, extension 225.

PAY SECTION CHANGES CUSTOMER HOURS

Vandenberg's financial service customer service section located in building 11777 has changed its operating hours. The new hours are:

- ♦ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- ♦ Wednesday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

SERVICES STAFF HOLDS MENU MEETING

The staff at the 30th Services Squadron will conduct a menu planning meeting Sept. 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Air Education and Training Command Dining Facility. All unit representatives are required to attend. For information, call Tech. Sgt. Steven Grim at 606-3219, or Deborah Myjak at 606-1219.

LECTURER DISCUSSES BREAST DISORDERS

The staff at the Breast Education Center will hold a one-hour lecture on common breast disorders Sept. 7 at noon in the Health and Wellness Center. The lecturer will discuss breast lumps, fibrocystic changes, breast pain, and the management and treatment of breast disorders. People attending the lecture should bring a brown bag lunch. For information, call Sandra Conley at 605-2120.

LOMPOC SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR LABOR DAY

The Lompoc Unified School District will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

COPS SPONSOR RIFLE, PISTOL MATCH

A pistol and rifle match is scheduled for Sept. 28 and 29 at the combat arms firing range. The competition is open to all active duty and reserve Air Force members. Registration begins Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the firing range building. Call Staff Sgt. Erik Skrudland at 605-5025 for info.

**NEWS
BRIEFS**

Tech stripes arrive by bus

Pin-on cheers NCO recovering from cancer

By 2ND LT. CHRIS WATT
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ When Tech. Sgt. Robert Trawick opened his front door July 31 he expected to meet his commander and first shirt.

Instead he found a big blue bus and a crowd of people from the 30th Communications Squadron on his front lawn.

They were there to cheer him up and pin on his technical sergeant stripes. The stripes were more than earned, and the cheering up was much needed.

Trawick had recently been diagnosed with cancer.

He was diagnosed with the disease in June, soon after he heard he had made technical sergeant. He and his family began the emotional roller coaster that would take them to San Diego for biopsies and the confirmation of their fears.

But they were not alone in their struggles. While the Trawicks were in San Diego, the people in the 30th CS were brainstorming about what they could do to help the family and support a comrade.

Lt. Col. Brad Ashley, 30th CS commander, and Master Sgt. June Phillips, 30th

CS first sergeant, went to work raising money to help the Trawicks with the costs of staying in San Diego during the biopsy and the week-long recovery from testing and surgery. The squadron also put together funds to send a card, meals, and a fruit basket to the family – but that didn't seem to be enough.

In the middle of all the life-changing news the Trawicks



STAFF SGT. PAM TAUBMAN

Lt. Col. Brad Ashley (left), 30th Communications Squadron commander, and Master Sgt. June Phillips, squadron first sergeant, pin tech sergeant stripes on Tech. Sgt. Robert Trawick July 31.

were dealing with remained the fact that Trawick was due to pin on his stripes Aug. 1. He was still on convalescent leave and would not be able to participate in a formal ceremony.

So the 30th CS loaded an Air

Force bus with a cake, stripes and friends, then headed to Trawick's home. If he couldn't come to the ceremony, his friends and co-workers would bring the ceremony to him.

"Tech. Sgt. Trawick didn't even

hear us coming," Phillips said. "He knew the commander and the first shirt were on their way over, but not with 50 additional guests."

"They were joking about bringing a bus out here and I said, 'Yeah, right,'" Trawick said. "I walked out and there were all these people and a bus in my front yard! They'd brought a cake and a table and everything. It brought tears to

my eyes. It was very touching and warming. My family really appreciated it as well.

"Since my wife has been away, the Comm Squadron has been extra supportive during my recovery," Trawick added.

Earlier that morning, Trawick's wife had called from Navy boot camp in Illinois after being officially sworn in to active duty.

"I'm retiring in August after 20 years and she always wanted to have a career," said Trawick. "So now I'm going to get to follow her around!"

Recently Trawick received good news from his doctors; the kidney surgery contained the cancer. The next few years will require only yearly check-ups.

Trawick will be back to full-time duty in a couple weeks.

"I used to work hard and play hard," said Trawick. "Now, because of my kidney, I work smart and play smart."

He added that he has spent most of his career overseas and observed that stateside units are generally not as tight as overseas units. But the 30th CS's support has changed his attitude about stateside units.

"The comm squadron is the best place to be as far as I'm concerned!" Trawick said.



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Trawick is recovering from kidney surgery.



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Tim Moore, 2nd Space Launch Squadron, slides into second base as Andy Moran, 30th Security Forces Squadron, reaches for the tag. Pual Perez, 30th SFS watches the action. The 2nd SLS won the base championship 15-10 over the 30th SFS Aug. 25 here.

2nd SLS drops cops

BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The 2nd Space Launch Squadron reigns as the base's intramural softball champion after beating the 30th Security Forces Squadron 10-15 Aug. 25.

After finishing third in the national league for the regular season, 2nd SLS had their "A" game during the final.

The tournament, a double elimination format, began Aug. 21 and finished Aug. 25 with the 2nd SLS and the 30th SFS playing in the final.

The 2nd SLS had to fight their way back from the losers' bracket to reach the final after being defeated by the cops in the second round of the tournament.

The cops, the regular season champions, reached the final by beating the 30th Mission Support Squadron, the 2nd SLS and the 576th Flight Test Squadron.

"Our expectations were to win this tournament," said Louis Buck, shortstop for the 30th SFS team.

To win the title, the young 30th SFS team just had to beat the 2nd SLS one more time. This time, though, it was for all the marbles. To triumph over the cops, the 2nd SLS had to beat the cops twice to eliminate them.

In the first game, the 30th SFS jumped out to a 6-3 lead after three innings. Then the launch squadron's bats came to life and put nine runs on the board over the next four innings to win 12-10.

The second game started like the first with the 30th SFS jumping out to a 6-0 lead in the first inning. However, this time the 2nd SLS answered right away in the bottom of the first with seven runs of their own. The launch squadron pulled away in the second and third innings when they scored three and four runs, respectively. The 14 runs during the first three innings were too much for the cops to overcome. The 2nd SLS won the final game 15-10.

"We had no expectations at the beginning of the season, but when we made the tournament we knew we had a chance," said Tim Moore, coach and third baseman of the 2nd SLS softball team. The team pulled together against a young and talented security forces, he added.

"Our maturity level helped us keep to our game plan, but the cops have the talent and will be around for a few years. They'll have their day," Moore said.

This day, though, belongs to the 2nd SLS softball team.



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Ouch!

Dave Erb, 2nd Space Launch Squadron, slides into first base in an attempt to beat a throw. William Monroe, 30th Security Forces Squadron, jumps out of the way. Erb was called out on the play. However, the 2nd SLS did win the base intramural softball championship 15-10 over the cops Aug. 25.

TEAM SCHEDULES SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Women's base softball team tryouts are scheduled for today at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. at field No. 1. Active-duty people, family members and Department of Defense civilians can try out. Call Staff Sgt. Jose Dorado at 606-7817 or Staff Sgt. Jason Porter at 606-1128 for information.

TEAM SETS VARSITY BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Varsity basketball tryouts are scheduled Sept. 11 to 15 at the fitness center from 6 to 8 p.m. Active-duty people, family members and Department of Defense civilians can try out. Call Staff Sgt. Thomas Merrett at 606-9876 for information.

**SPORTS
BRIEFS**

FITNESS CENTER HOLDS BIKE RACE

The base fitness center will hold an 18-mile bike race Sept. 16. The race will start at 9 a.m. at the fitness center. Call the fitness center staff at 606-3832 to sign up.

LOMPOC VALLEY DISTANCE CLUB PLANS RACE

The Lompoc Valley Distance Club has scheduled a Park-to-Park eight-mile run Sept. 17 in memory of Dr. John Trettin. Trettin was a Lompoc resident who was active with Cabrillo High School athletics. He was a nationally rated marathon runner, competing in the Boston marathon more than 20 times. Registration starts at 7 a.m. The race begins at 8 a.m. at Miquelito Park and finishes at the La Purisima Mission State Park. Miquelito Park is located on South I Street in Lompoc. The entry fee is \$10. Awards will be given to first through third place in age groups 17 and under, 18 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59 and 60 and over. Call 736-0677 for information.

2000 INTRAMURAL WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

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576 th FLTS	4	2	.667
30 th CS	2	3	.400
30 th TRANS	2	4	.333
30 th MSS	1	5	.167

As of Wednesday



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Blood of life

2nd Lt. Richard Maze, 392nd Training Squadron, has blood drawn by Jim Rodlin of the Tri-Counties Blood Bank at Minuteman Theater Wednesday during a blood drive. People here donated 93 pints of blood during the drive.

COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

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The San Luis Obispo Symphony Pops will

present "By the Sea 2000" Sunday at the Avila Beach Resort. Gates open at 2:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Children 12 and under enter free. The concert features music from the films: "Goldfinger," "Live and Let Die," "Mission Impossible," and other spy and private investigator movies. People can bring a picnic basket or eat at the resort. Call (805) 543-3533 for information.

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The Douhet Society is

scheduled to meet Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the base library. The topic for discussion will be

"Winged Shield, Winged Sword Volume Two." Everyone may attend and discuss this book or the history of the Air Force. For information, call Capt. Dan Franzen at 605-0673.

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The Vandenberg Officer Christian

Fellowship meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 623 Aspen Street. People interested in fellowship and Bible study with other base officers may attend. Call Col. Kenneth VanSickle at 606-4315 or Chaplain (Maj.) William Toguchi at 606-5773.

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The Santa Maria Museum of Flight has scheduled

their 11th annual Warbird Roundup Sept. 8 to 10 at the Santa Maria Public Airport.

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Gates open Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. Historical airplanes will be on display. A radio controlled aircraft demo is scheduled. Food and display booths will also be open. General admission is \$6. Tickets for children 7 to 12 years old cost \$4. Children 6 and under enter free. For more information, call the Santa Maria Museum of Flight at 922-8758.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 125 has scheduled a **catfish dinner** Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m. The dinner will be at the Lompoc Veterans Building, 100 E. Locus Ave. The menu will consist of catfish, potato salad, cole slaw and cornbread for \$7. Dinners can be picked up at the main kitchen in the building.

15 FRI **Danish Days** is scheduled for Sept. 15 to 17

in Solvang. The event is a celebration of the Danish heritage in Solvang since 1936. Danish folk dancing, music, parades, food and entertainment are scheduled throughout the weekend. Call the Solvang Conference and Visitor's Bureau at (805) 688-6144 for more information.

16 SAT The grand opening of **Toy Land** is scheduled for

Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. in the AAFES Four Seasons center. A clown will give away animal balloons from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Face painting will be done between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and Winnie the Pooh and Tigger are scheduled to make an appearance from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be two jumping castles for the children to play in and door prizes.

17 SUN Vandenberg Leisure Tours has scheduled a trip to

Catalina Island Sept. 17 to 20. The price of trip is \$210 per

person. The cost includes bus and ferry transportation, three nights lodging at a hotel with continental breakfasts and two island tours. Call 606-7976 for more information.

22 FRI The **Hispanic Heritage Planning**

Committee wants Hispanic appetizer recipes. The committee is planning a show for Sept. 22 featuring Team Vandenberg's finest appetizers. The group is looking for any artifacts to place on display during the exposition. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kitty Noles at 606-0366.

The **Officers' Spouses' Club** has positions open on its board. Anyone interested in serving on the board or joining the Officers' Spouses' Club can call Moyra Hower at 734-9844.



At the Movies

Tonight
The Patriot
(R) 7:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday
Pokemon 2000
(G) 3 p.m.

The Patriot
(R) 7:30 p.m..

Sept. 8
Big Momma's House
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9
Thomas & the Magic Railroad
(G) 3 p.m.

X-men
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 10
X-men
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

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have in America's Air Force today and getting our story out to people considering what to do with their lives — and to the people who influence them.”

Gen. Mike Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, expects the new ads to help boost recruiting and retention by focusing audiences on the challenges and rewards of Air Force service. “These ads reflect the intangible rewards of pride, honor and the higher calling of

serving our nation,” he said. “They also showcase our incredible people.”

Brig. Gen. Ron Rand, Air Force director of public affairs, said the six new commercials consistently portray the dedication and professionalism of Air Force people performing important missions every day. “We did a lot of research,” he said, “that told us we need to advertise on television to help us reach potential recruits and the general public, and also to recognize the people currently serving.

“These ads convey important messages: the Air Force does a lot for our country, the Air Force is a diverse family of extraordinary Americans, the Air Force is hiring, and the Air Force values and appreciates its people,” Ryan said.

Describing the cost of the project, Rand said, “We spent \$4.4 million producing the ads, and another \$28.2 million on television and theater advertising which will reach millions of people during the coming year.”

The ads were produced for the Air Force by Siegelgale, a branding and advertising firm in New York. Siegelgale scripted several proposals and hired a Hollywood production company, MJZ, to film the ads at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., and Eglin and Hurlburt AFBs in Florida earlier this year.

The job of directing the new commercials went to Bob Richardson, an Academy Award winner whose credits

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include being director of photography for box office hits such as "Platoon," "A Few Good Men," "JFK" and "Wag the Dog."

The ads depict scenes of a KC-10 tanker refueling a B-2 Spirit and F-117A Nighthawks, aerial shots of the F-22 Raptor and F-16 and F-15 fighters flying over the Mojave Desert.

Bill Coker, assistant director, said the ad campaign's central theme was to

show what it means to be an Air Force member.

"The ads emphasize Air Force people," he said. "You often see hardware (in past commercials) because it's exotic and exciting. But what these ads show is the team spirit and sense of adventure in what the rest of the Air Force does. The part that (the public) doesn't get to see very much such as what it takes to launch a bomber or fighter."

He said the commercials also serve

as a salute to those who work in support roles. All airmen "should see themselves as role models," Coker said.

Everyone appearing in the ads is an Air Force civilian or military member, such as Airman 1st Class Crystal Pajak, a 412th Component Repair Squadron jet mechanic.

While talking to a friend, she learned that MJZ had selected her to participate in a commercial. Not surprisingly, Pajak immediately called her family, letting them know "to start looking for me on

television soon."

Following the filming and editing, the commercials were ready for screening by focus groups representing a sampling of the general public and Air Force members.

The civilian focus groups were held in Boston, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Kansas City. The active-duty sessions took place at Patrick AFB, Fla., Moody AFB, Ga., and at Hurlburt and Eglin AFBs.