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WING HOLDS DINNER FOR COMMAND CHIEF

30th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Krim's retirement dinner has been scheduled for Wednesday in the Pacific Coast Club Ballroom. A social hour is scheduled for 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. First sergeants will take presentation sign-ups and reservations. Dress for the evening is Texas casual. Cost is \$16 for club members \$19 for non members.

WING COMMAND CHIEF RETIRES THURSDAY

30th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Krim's retirement ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at the base flag pole in front of the 30th Space Wing Headquarters building. Dress for the event is duty uniform. A reception will follow at the club.

2ND SLS CHANGES COMMAND JULY 9

Lt. Col. James Hyatt III will relinquish command of the 2nd Space Launch Squadron to Lt. Col. Clinton Crosier at 10 a.m. July 9 in front of Space Launch Complex 3. The inclement weather location is the Western Range Operations Control Center. Call Capt. Michelle Holland at 605-4712 for more information.

AIR WAR COLLEGE SIGN-UP ENDS SOON

The base education office's enrollment period for the Air War College's nonresident study ends Wednesday. Eight students are needed to form a seminar. Seminar meetings are held weekly, starting in early August and running until mid-June 2002.

For more information, call 1 605-5904. Forms are available at: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/ns/ns-enroll.htm>

MED GROUP CLOSES SHOP FOR HOLIDAY

In observance of Fourth of July the 30th Medical Group's 'One Stop Health Shop' medical inprocessing will be held at the next scheduled briefing July 18 at 7:30 a.m. in the medical group auditorium. For more information, call 1st Lt. Kevin Staples at 605-2335.



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Thirtieth Space Wing command chief master sergeant Paul Krim discusses hot topics with base first sergeants.

Command chief begins next chapter

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

Not too many people would be happy to trade in their 99,000 acre spread on California's Central Coast for a modest five-acre plot in Texas.

But that's exactly what will make the 30th Space Wing command chief master sergeant happy as he retires.

Whether living as an Air Force dependent for 20 years or as an active-duty member himself, Chief Master Sgt. Paul Krim has lived the Air Force life for more than 47 years.

Thursday, after his retirement ceremony, he'll begin a new chapter in his life.

"I like the idea that I'll have a variety of new choices," Krim said. "I also like the idea of living out in the country to have a place for my horses." His first job after the Air Force is to build a barn for his three quarter horses.

"Unfortunately the pay isn't very good," the chief said with a smile. He said he may go back to school or get a job, but he'll definitely make time to play golf.

As a retired chief, Krim's new role is a change from the one he's fulfilled for the last two years.

"The role of a command chief is to help people succeed and to help

people progress in their careers," Krim said. Regardless of jobs he's had in the Air Force, his goal has always been to help people and to leave things better for those who arrive behind him.

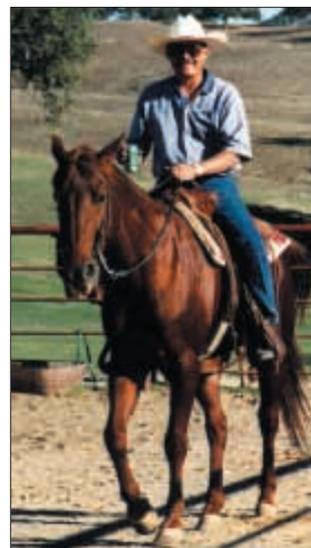
"As I leave the Air Force, I hope I'm leaving a better force behind for those who will inherit it," the chief said. Krim credits former 30th Space Wing Commander Col. Steve Lanning with helping him make Vandenberg a better place.

"Col. Lanning was a great proponent of making sure we took care of the people," Krim said. "Then the people turned around and took care of the mission."

Taking care of people and helping them set realistic goals was the chief's personal mission. "Goals are a great thing," he said. "I hope that our people aren't setting their goals on making chief or becoming a command chief. I hope they realize becoming a chief is the result of being the best at what they do."

"Work hard on getting promoted but don't make it your life's goal," advised the chief. "It shouldn't be a pursuit, it should be a result."

Krim is concerned that today people chase careers filled with promotions and awards and if they don't achieve their goals they feel they've failed, "This is far from the



COURTESY PHOTO

Chief Master Sgt. Paul Krim rides his quarter horse Peppy. The chief is retiring to Texas with his family.

truth," Krim said. "Only one percent of the enlisted force can wear the grade of chief master sergeant. That doesn't mean the other 99 percent are unsuccessful."

People are what the chief loved most during his career.

"Every assignment I've been on has been great simply because of the people," Krim said. "The men and women of Vandenberg have to be the finest group of professionals that I've encountered in my 27 years. Their support to me has been absolutely phenomenal."

"I hope I've given at least half as

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U.S. Income tax payers to receive refund check

■ WASHINGTON — If you owed federal income taxes for 2000, a check for up to \$600 will be in the mail for you by September.

Lt. Col. Thomas Emswiler, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council in the office of the assistant secretary of defense for force management policy, said military members are as eligible as other taxpayers for a federal refund.

The tax bill signed by the president created a new tax bracket of 10 percent and made the rate retroactive to Jan. 1, he said.

The law provides that the mailing of refunds will start in July and be complete by the end of September. Taxpayers will receive letters in July explaining how much to expect and when.

Anyone who had a federal tax liability for 2000 is eligible providing they were not claimed as someone else's dependent, Emswiler said.

"If you filed a joint return last year and had at least \$12,000 in taxable income, you'll receive a \$600 refund," he said. "That \$600 represents the difference between taxing \$12,000 at 15 percent and taxing it at 10 percent as provided for under the new law."

"If you filed as head of household last year and had at least \$10,000 in taxable income, you'll get a refund of \$500. Most taxpayers who filed as single last year and had at least \$6,000 in taxable income will get a refund of \$300," he continued.

Eligible taxpayers need only ensure the Internal Revenue Service has their correct mailing address, Emswiler said.

Servicemembers should notify the post office of moves or file IRS Form 8822, "Change of Address," with the IRS.

The process is scheduled to take three months because 96 million checks are involved.

(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)



30th Weather Squadron's weekend forecast

Today



Low/High
43/71

Saturday



Low/High
44/69

Sunday



Low/High
44/66

Visit the 30th Weather Squadron's website at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather_index.html to get a five-day forecast.

Secretary Roche praises Air Force members

I was recently sworn in as your 20th secretary of the Air Force and became, on that day, a proud member of a magnificent team of active duty airmen, guardsmen, reservists, and civilian employees.

You have earned the admiration of our nation, the respect of the world, and the promise of a bright future. I already can tell you that you should be enormously proud of your achievements, from combat operations over Iraq and the Balkans to your recent validation of the Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept. In the realm of aerospace power, you fly the best, train the best, and maintain the best. As you put it: "No One Comes Close."

We must now turn our focus to the journey ahead, and be responsive to this new century's emerging security environment. I look forward to piloting that journey with you. My focus is on developing new strategies for military aerospace power in this new millennium; improving Air Force retention, professional education and leadership and development; eliminating the inefficiencies in how we do our business; and developing our acquisition policies and processes to ensure innovation and competitive vibrancy within our defense industrial base over the long haul. My vision is an aerospace future just as remarkable as your admired past: undeniable and global reconnaissance and strike superiority. My pledge to you is that I will serve the way you do ever day,

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U.S. Saving Bonds campaign ends June 30

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg's opportunity to participate in the annual payroll savings bond campaign ends June 30.

"All of us need to ask ourselves the question, 'Am I saving enough money today to reach the goals I have in life?'" said Maj. John Riggins, payroll savings bond campaign installation project officer. "If you're like most Americans, the answer is probably, 'I'm saving some, but not really enough.'"

People save money for many reasons, among them are retirement, children's education, a down payment on a home or an emergency reserve for life's surprises, he said. "There's only one way to reach these goals and that is to save regularly and to begin now."

The Air Force's payroll plan for savings bonds offers an automatic method for saving for future financial security.

"It doesn't take large sums of money to begin," Riggins said. "Just set aside a fixed amount each pay period or each month and it will automatically be deducted and invested in a savings bond for you. It just doesn't get any simpler than that."

One of the most frequently

used excuses for not investing in savings bonds is a lack of available funds.

Clarifying the reality of the investment, Riggins said, "It's not a deduction—it's your money!" After six months, any bank will cash the bond for you, paying both the amount invested and accrued interest.

In contrast to the safety of bonds, many people are tempted to invest all their money in high-return, high-risk investments.

"While high returns are desirable, it's important to invest a portion of your money in secure instruments," Riggins said. "Savings bond interest rates are higher than bank savings account rates and currently yield better returns than both short- and long-term certificates of deposit."

Families can also benefit from the reliability of bond investments.

"With kids, you can't afford not to save," he said. "Will you have \$20,000 per child for college costs? Monthly deductions of \$25, \$10 or even \$5 per pay period really add up if you start while the kids are young."

Riggins said even single Team Vandenberg members can benefit from savings bonds.

"Use the allotment to help save for big-ticket items like



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Col. Robert Worley, 30th Space Wing commander, signs up for a U.S. Savings Bond with the help of Maj. John Riggins, base savings bond project officer.

a down payment on a car or a fun vacation," he said. "You'll never miss it and you can cash your bonds in any time after six months if you change your mind."

In contrast to the Air Force's charity drives, savings bonds benefit one person—the buyer.

"This is not a fundraiser or charity," Riggins said. "Nobody is asking you to give him or her money. You are paying yourself."

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Commander's Action Line

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence. Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

Col. Robert Worley II
Commander,
30th Space Wing

While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials, and many other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number.

Handy phone numbers

EMERGENCY.....	911
Information.....	411
Poison control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic appointments.....	606-4077
Healthwise line.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE services.....	800-242-6788
Law enforcement.....	606-3300
Housing maintenance.....	734-5586
Child Development Center.....	606-1555
MPF customer service.....	606-7756
Visitor control center.....	606-7662
Fitness center.....	606-3832
Chaplain (after hours).....	606-9961
Red Cross (duty hours).....	606-1855
Red Cross (after hours).....	800-660-4272
EOD (duty hours).....	605-1375
EOD (after hours).....	606-9961
Pest Control.....	606-1936
Base operator.....	606-1110
Public tours.....	606-3595

Action line 606-7850

or e-mail your message to actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

OFF-BASE HOUSING COSTS CAUSE CONCERNS

Q There has been a recent increase in both housing rent and utility costs in the Lompoc and Santa Maria areas. Will there be a correlating increase in the basic housing allowance rate to compensate for this added expense? While all people who live off base are affected, single-rate BAH doesn't cover the cost of a decent one-bedroom apartment for junior enlisted members. Increased housing costs are forcing our troops to live in lower-income housing, which could become a safety issue. Is anything being done to prevent Vandenberg military personnel from having to pay for their housing and utilities out of pocket?

A Affordable off-base housing is an issue of concern for me and the rest of the Team Vandenberg leadership. As BAH updates are only addressed annually, our active participation in the formulation of local BAH rates is essential. We've directed a BAH panel — consisting of base housing, comptroller, and MPF personnel — to gather and submit the most accurate local housing data to our Headquarters. Additionally, the BAH panel was directed to exclude data from housing areas considered unsuitable — in terms of safety and quality — in an effort to provide our members with the desirable neighborhoods and housing

conditions they deserve. Finally, as you may already be aware, additional relief is on the horizon as the Secretary of Defense directed last year that BAH rates will increase annually at a progressively faster rate until out-of-pocket housing costs are completely phased out by 2005. (Editor's note: Vandenberg's single members who live off base will soon have the option to move into the apartments in East Housing. Call Tech. Sgt. Hannah Garcia at 605-2048 for more information.)

CLOSED SNACK BAR RAISES QUESTIONS

Q My family is actively involved in sports on base, and I'm wondering why the snack bar at the athletic field isn't open for our games. It's an excellent way to generate money for our teams. Without the snack bar, we're neglecting a good fundraiser that will help us replace equipment and uniforms.

A You make a very good point, as the snack bar does help to defray the costs of youth sports. Unfortunately, the snack bar couldn't be opened this year due to a lack of necessary volunteers. The 30th Services Squadron is trying to generate more volunteer interest so that the snack bar may be re-opened for the upcoming soccer season and remain operational for every outdoor sport season. Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer can contact the Youth Center at 606-9374.

PHARMACY ANNOUNCES CLOSURES ON REFILL LINE

Q I recently called the base pharmacy's automated refill line to order some refills on four prescriptions. As I entered the information on each of the prescriptions, the automated voice said, "Your prescription would be available for pickup after noon tomorrow." I drove out to the base the next day a little after 1 p.m. and found a sign posted on the clinic door stating that it would be closed at noon that day. Since I am a retired member and no longer aware of current base events, I don't know why they were closed. I feel that the very least the pharmacy could have done is post this information on the automated call-in line. This would have saved me a wasted trip.

A Whenever there is a down day or an early closure, the pharmacy announces this information on the automated refill line. The initial greeting will provide notification of the changes. The message that acknowledges the completion of the refill does state that the refill will be ready after 12 noon on the next duty day. We're not able to change this message to account for special events. It's very important to listen to the initial greeting since it does give notification of the early closure. The pharmacy makes every effort to give timely notice of changes in the hours of operation. I'm sorry if we weren't able to effectively communicate the information.



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Chief gives Air Force 27 years

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much support as I've received," he said.

In his 27 years of active-duty service, the chief's been assigned to bases that have mastered everything from flying to personnel to technology. Vandenberg is his first experience with space.

"Experiencing how the Air Force is transitioning into an aerospace force has been awesome," Krim said.

Through nine assignments at eight bases and across three countries, the chief said he drew his leadership traits from many different people throughout his career. Early on as a fuels specialist, Krim had supervisors who saw something special in him.

"I was certainly not your model airman," he said. As a first term on the flight line, Krim worked with now Chief Master Sgt. Paul Zima, 45th Space Wing command chief master sergeant, Patrick AFB, Fla.

Reflecting back on those times Krim said, their supervisors saw potential in them and decided to teach and take care of them.

The chief hopes supervisors truly assess each person's potential and nurture it to create strong airmen in the Air Force.

"It's too easy today to turn around and just document (bad behavior) and when you get enough paper on somebody, just throw them out," Krim said. "Had that been the case many years ago Chief Zima and I might not be here today."

"I look back at those leaders and like to say, 'I followed in those footsteps.'"

As he ends his active-duty journey with his wife, Tamie, and son, Adam, the chief knows one thing for certain about the next chapter in his life.

"I know my future will always hold the Air Force," the command chief said. "It's been my life for almost 47 years and it's something that doesn't leave you—it's in your blood."

\$5 starts bond investment

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People can start a bond with as little as \$5 per pay period.

"That's probably less than you're spending on bake sales, retirement ceremonies and other unit fundraisers," he said.

To enroll in the payroll savings bond program, contact your unit representative or call Riggins at 606-9750.

For more information about savings bonds, visit the website at www.savingsbonds.gov.

Landmark offers glimpse into base heritage

By 2nd Lt. Mike Tkacz
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Each year, thousands of base visitors take a step back in time when they visit the Vandenberg Space and Missile Heritage Center located at Space Launch Complex-10.

Within a stone's throw of Purisma Point here, the former Thor missile launch facility is a national historic landmark. Since its landmark designation in 1987, the formerly overgrown grounds and dilapidated structures have been in a state of revival.

"It wasn't until the early 1990s, when space command was in the process of being reorganized, that (the command) afforded manpower for the museum program," said Jay Prichard, director of the 30th Space Wing heritage center. Over the years, the center has evolved from a component of the Space and Missile Orientation Course into the premier attraction it is today.

"Space Launch Complex-10 is the best surviving example of space technology at the beginning of the U.S. effort to explore manned space flight," he said. Only recently has it been looked upon as an integral part of the fabric weaved into the Cold War.

What was yesterday's weapon of mass destruction is today's weapon of mass education. People from all walks of life and from all around the world visit the center during public tours.

"I've given tours to visitors from the Hungarian parliament, treaty teams and even a Russian two-star general in charge of the strategic rocket forces," he said. "It's quite an honor that these groups come from such a long distance, find this base and make it part of their itinerary to visit us while in the United States."

Regardless of who the guest is,



Jay Prichard (center), Vandenberg Space and Missile Heritage Center director, shares Vandenberg's history with visiting cadets and senior citizens. The heritage center, located

at a former Thor launch facility here, houses static displays of launch compounds, re-entry vehicles, test rockets and historic photos. Call public affairs at 606-3595 to arrange a tour.

they're treated to an educational presentation as they view historic space and missile artifacts at the center.

"The primary collection ranges from about 1957 and up," he said. This includes consoles from the first nuclear missile on alert in the continental U.S. and some of the first test engines used in the research and development of the nation's first ICBMs.

"One of the greatest honors (for me) was having the opportunity to give retired Gen. Bernard Shriever a guided tour of the museum for his 90th birthday," Prichard said. "He is considered to be the father of Air Force ballistic missiles and space systems."

During heritage center tours, Prichard weaves colorful tales about how space technology is

interwoven into everyone's life.

"The Atlas rocket body is about as thin as a soda can," he said. "With the launch pad located right next to the ocean, it's susceptible to corrosion."

"A team of chemists had to come up with a way to keep water off the rocket, so they experimented with a formula to put on the metal skin and displace the water," he said. "They tried formula No. 1, but it didn't work, so they moved on to No. 2."

"They got up to No. 39 and it worked pretty well, but when they tried water displacement formula No. 40 they had it," Prichard said.

"Today, we know it as WD-40."

From 14th Air Force World War II objects and the Patton tank static display to ICBM re-entry vehicles and the Minuteman III on California Boulevard, Prichard manages artifacts that tell the base's story.

"If it's a three-dimensional object of Air Force culture, then it falls into this program," he said. Among the other items on display are a satellite mock up, launch facility dioramas, a Russian surface-to-air missile and liquid-fueled engines from the Thor, Atlas, and Titan vehicles.

Since Prichard is the only person who maintains and develops displays and responds to countless technical research requests, he's unable to offer drop-in visits.

Providing base tours, to include the heritage center, is one of the functions of the 30th SW public affairs community relations staff.

"There are group tours Monday through Friday," said Jack Hokanson, 30th SW public affairs chief of community relations. "Public tours are offered every Wednesday at 10 a.m." Call 606-3595 to make a tour reservation.

24 airmen graduate leadership school

■ Twenty-four Team Vandenberg senior airmen graduated from Airman Leadership School during a ceremony June 12.

During the five-week course, students learned and practiced leadership, communication and other skills required of Air Force NCOs. The following senior airmen graduated from ALS class 01-E:

John L. Levitow Award Winner

Nathan Sinning, 30th Security Forces Squadron

Academic Achievement Award and Distinguished Graduate Award Winner

Danielle Martin, 30th SFS

Leadership Award Winner

Spencer MacDonald, 30th Comptroller Squadron

Graduates:

Kodi Jackson, 30th SFS

Evangeline San Miguel,

30th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron

Rachel Zink, 30th Communications Squadron

Tonya Jones, 30th Transportation Squadron

Randi Facenda, 30th Weather Squadron

Drew Brown, 30th Space Wing

Phillip Tucker, 576th Flight Test Squadron

James Collins, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron

Elizabeth Eckert, 533rd Training Squadron

Daniel Gatz, 30th SFS

Rebecca Faalzadeh, 30th SFS



Senior Master Sgt. Michael Tierney (left), 30th Space Wing Career Assistance Advisor, presents the John L. Levitow Award to Senior Airman Nathan Sinning, 30th Security Forces Squadron, during the June 12 graduation ceremony.

Shanta Montgomery, 30th Medical Group

Suzanne Jenkins, 30th CS

Stephanie Goe, 30th Contracting Squadron

Matthew Barton, 614th Space Operations Squadron

Richard Hernandez, 576th FLTS

Andrew Pence, 576th FLTS

Phillip Young, 30th CES

Dante Sengstack, 30th CES

Jason Robinson, 532nd TRS

Sadie Gorchess, 30th SFS

Anthrax vaccine supply running low

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON—The Department of Defense is further curtailing the anthrax immunization program due to inadequate supplies of the vaccine, DOD officials said June 11.

Effective immediately only servicemembers assigned to "special mission units" will receive the six-shot series.

The action is necessary because of delays in DOD receiving Food and Drug Administration-approved vaccine from Bioport Corp., the sole source of the vaccine.

The FDA is expected to approve Bioport, based in Lansing, Mich., for full production by March, said Marine Maj. Gen. Randall West, special assistant to the deputy secretary of defense for chemical and biological protection.

"We have not yet been able to re-establish the supply of certified safe and effective vaccine to continue the program on the schedule," West said.

This is the third slowdown for the immunization program. In December 1999, DOD stopped inoculating servicemembers other than those de-

ploying to Korea and the Persian Gulf. In November, DOD stopped inoculating servicemembers bound for Korea. Now servicemembers deploying to Southwest Asia will stop receiving the vaccine.

"I wish we had vaccine available to continue the protocols and to continue vaccinating all of our people deploying there," West said.

About 13,000 U.S. servicemembers are deployed to Southwest Asia. DOD and U.S. Central Command will have sufficient antibiotics on hand for post-exposure treatment in case of an attack.

In his opinion, West said it is imperative that DOD resumes the vaccination regime as soon as possible.

"The sooner we can provide this vaccination protection to the entire force, the better I'll sleep at night," he said. "The weaponized form of anthrax can be delivered by several munitions and is a very deadly threat. You can't see this, you can't smell it, you can't taste it, it's very difficult to detect and if you haven't been vaccinated, by the time you detect symptoms of anthrax, it's too late to save a person's life."

(Courtesy of Air Force News)

Hey, batter batter ...

Jourdan Arture of the Giants takes a swing at the ball during a t-ball game at the youth ballfields June 9. More than 260 youth play baseball here. Beginning July 2 the Youth Center will be taking sign-ups for youth sport clinics for baseball, softball, basketball and soccer. Call the Youth Center for more information at 606-2152.



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Roche proud of military career

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worldwide — with integrity, selflessness and in earnest pursuit of excellence.

In 1963, President Kennedy said of military service: "I can imagine no more rewarding career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'" That sentiment rings very true for me. As you know, I am deeply proud of my

Navy career. But, today we are in a new century, with new opportunities, new challenges, new capabilities, and vastly different threats to the security of our great nation. In this century, men and women can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: "I serve in the United States Air Force." And now, I am proud to be able to say that too.

Signed
James G. Roche
Secretary of the Air Force



MASTER SGT. VAL GEMPIES

The golf course at Clark Air Base, Philippines, was buried in ash and sand after Mount Pinatubo erupted June 15, 1991. Today, the golf course is a main attraction

for tourists visiting Clark Air Field. After the eruption and departure of the Americans the Philippine government took over the base. It now offers duty-free shops and restaurants.

Pinatubo's fury led to end of an era

By MASTER SGT. LOUIS ARANA-BARRADAS

Air Force Print News

■ ANGELES CITY, Philippines — The dramatic explosion of Mount Pinatubo June 15, 1991, caused much more than the evacuation of Clark Air Base, here.

Ten years later the people — and local economy — in this city 48 miles north of Manila still feel the effects of the blast that forced an early closure of the sprawling air base.

And though most people do not remember that it is the 10th anniversary of the day known as "Black Saturday," they do recall what happened that fateful day.

"It's one of those days you'll always remember, like when President Kennedy was shot," said retired Tech. Sgt. Raul Baon.

Pinatubo erupted a few times beginning on June 12. But on the morning of June 15, it exploded with a force 10 times more powerful than the eruption of Mount St. Helens. That made it the second-largest volcanic eruption of the 20th century after the 1912 eruption of the Mount Katmai volcano in Alaska.

The eruption blew away one cubic mile of the mountaintop — about 1,000 feet disappeared off the 5,725-foot peak. It created a crater one and one-half miles across and produced an ash cloud that rose 22 miles into the atmosphere, spreading out for hundreds of miles. Ash fell as far away as the Indian Ocean, and ash clouds circled the globe. The earth shook for eight hours.

At the same time, off the coast typhoon Luzon turned inland. Mixing with the ash cloud, it caused the skies to rain mud.

The volcano, 15 and one-half miles from the base, had been sending warning signs of an impending eruption for almost a year. People here felt thousands of small earthquakes, and the smell of sulfur hung in the air for weeks.

When the volcano blew, Baon said, "It was so dark I thought I'd died and gone to hell."

Baon, who developed aircraft gun camera film at the time, was just about to retire from the Air Force. He had just built a new home in Angeles City and was looking forward to retiring.

Instead, he joined the exodus of 15,000 people from Clark. The base's 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing and 13th Air Force officials knew a big explosion was eminent and started to evacuate people June 10. By bus, truck, van

and car, people made the 50-mile journey to Subic Bay Naval Station.

It was an orderly convoy of hundreds of vehicles, but because Filipinos were also on the road, it took three hours to make the 50-mile trip. There the evacuees in-processed, found their place to stay and waited.

"All I could think about was my new home," Baon said.

When Pinatubo erupted, a thick carpet of ash covered Clark and Angeles City — and much of the northern Philippines island of Luzon. The ash, driven by heavy rains, covered everything, causing roofs to collapse.

"The ash was several feet thick in some places," said retired Chief Master Sgt. Buddy McGuire. He had retired from security service at Clark and has lived in Angeles City since 1981. He said Clark looked like some distant planet.

"It was eerie. There wasn't a soul at Clark. Everyone was gone. All the vegetation, too," McGuire said. "All the retirees who lived outside the base wondered if they would have to leave, too. We wondered what would happen to us and the base."

The eruption cut electrical power, cut off or polluted water supplies and destroyed or damaged many key facilities — one being the Clark hospital. So the Defense Department began Operation Fiery Vigil June 16. That put in motion the evacuation of more than 18,000 Air Force and Navy servicemembers, civilians and their families from the island.

Navy ships took them to the island of Cebu. From there, airliners flew most to the United States.

Less than a week later, some 1,500 airmen — most security forces — returned to Clark. It was a caretaker force. They went back to secure the base and maintain the facilities Pinatubo did not destroy. Thousands of people left hundreds of homes full of their personal belongings behind.

By July, movers began packing up and shipping the personal property to their owners. In November the Air Force turned over the base to the Philippines government. Thirteenth Air Force moved to Guam, and the wing to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

McGuire managed an insurance agency outside the base. Pinatubo's ash caved in his office. He thought of leaving, but chose to stay.

Baon stayed, too. He rebuilt his home for his wife, son and two daughters and lives there today.

(Courtesy of Air Force News)



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

22 FRI An individual retirement accounts seminar will be held at 11 a.m. today at the family support center. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 to register.

There will be a 30th Security Forces Squadron **military working dog team demonstration** at the main stage area of Ryon Park during the Lompoc Flower Festival today at 3 p.m. The Lompoc Flower Festival runs through Sunday. The festival will feature arts and crafts booths, daily entertainment, food concessions, a carnival, rides, vendor displays and special offers.

23 SAT The **Flower Festival Parade** will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. The parade begins at Pine and H Streets, continues on Ocean Avenue, and culminates at Ryon Park. The 562nd Air Force Band will join Vandenberg's saddle club, Honor Guard, Hot Shot firefighters, security forces and a base fire truck in the parade. Additionally, Maj. Gen. William Looney III, 14th Air Force commander; Col. Robert Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander; and Col. Steve Robinson, 30th Support Group commander, will ride in convertibles along the parade route.

24 SUN The **562nd Air Force Band's Jazz Ensemble** will perform from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday on the main stage at Ryon Park.

25 MON A **sponsorship training class** will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at the family support center. Sponsorship responsibilities, relocation resources, and tips to assist Vandenberg newcomers will be discussed. Contact Relocation Assistance at 606-0801 to register.

26 TUES The next **Single Parents Support Group** will meet at the Pacific Coast Club Tuesday at 11 a.m. The group meets to discuss issues regarding single parenting as well as self-care. For more information, call Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

27 WED The family support center's **Career Focus Program** will hold a job information expo at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the center. Call Tinisha Agramonte at 605-8557 for more information.

28 THUR The **Women's, Infant's and Children's** program officers will be at the family support center Thursday. For more information regarding appointments or enrollment, contact the Lompoc WIC office at 737-6470 or the information and referral program at 606-4636.

29 FRI The **Foundations to Parenting Class** meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays at the health and wellness center. Current topics of discussion are misbehavior and effective parenting. For more information, contact Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

The family support center will hold a **Kids on the Move** program at 3 p.m. June 29 at the center. The program is designed for children, ages 6 to 11, who are arriving or departing Vandenberg. Contact the Relocation Assistance Program at 606-0801 for information and registration.



SENIOR AIRMAN LEE OSBERRY

Look Mommy ...

Two-year-old Sean Roediger smiles down at his mom April Roediger from behind the wheel of a firetruck at the Touch a Truck event held at the base parade grounds Saturday. His brother Christopher, 6, joined him inside the emergency response vehicle. The services center and youth center sponsored the event which included a 60K-aircraft loader, a missile maintenance truck, explosive ordnance disposal robot, ambulance and other Vandenberg vehicles.

Firefighters hold youth Fire Camp

By TIM JOHNSTON
Vandenberg fire inspector

The Vandenberg Fire Department will hold two, one-day, free Fire Camps for base children at the main fire station June 30 and July 1.

Catering to children from 8 to 12 years old, the camp can accommodate 26 participants. It will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The department's goal for fire camp is to become a positive force for all of Team Vandenberg's children and to teach them safety skills they can use for years to come.

As part of Vandenberg Fire Chief Mark Farias' "Global Leaders in Air Force Fire Protection" vision, the camp is one of the department's initiatives to raise the level of excellence and become innovative in the way they do business.

"Global Leaders in Air Force Fire Protection" is a phrase he commonly refers to when describing his vision of providing the highest level of life-saving services to the Air Force.

Farias' commitment to provide the highest level of life-saving services inspired Firefighter Greg Flores to flush out the details and plan the Fire Camp.

The potentially life-saving educational event will be an interactive experience that includes training in fire safety, first aid, extinguisher use and exit drills.

Fire Camp will give Vandenberg's children a chance to train with base firefighters. The youngsters will also be given the opportunity to witness an auto rescue and to test their fire skills on the department's fire challenge kid's course.

The Youth Center is signing children up for the program on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 606-2152 for more information.

AT THE MOVIES

Today BRIDGET JONES' DIARY

Starring Renee Zellweger. Thirty-two year old Bridget decides it's time to take control of her life and start keeping a diary. With a taste for adventure and an opinion on every subject from her circle of friends, to men, exercise, food, sex, and everything in between, she's turning the page on a whole new life. Based on Helen Fielding's international bestseller. Rated R.

Saturday THE MUMMY RETURNS

Starring Brendan Fraser. A chain of events finds the corpse of Imhotep resurrected. The mummy Imhotep walks the earth once more, determined to fulfill his quest for immortality. But another force has also been set loose in the world, one born of the darkest rituals of ancient Egyptian mysticism, and even more powerful than Imhotep. When these two forces clash, the fate of the world will hang in the balance, sending the O'Connells on a desperate race to save the world. Rated PG-13.

Sunday A KNIGHT'S TALE

Starring Heath Ledger and Mark Addy.

If a man believes enough, a man can do anything. A poor thatcher tells his son William, "A man can change his stars." But in 14th century Europe, fortunes are not made they are predestined. One day at a medieval jousting tournament, fate deals the unheralded William a shot and before long he has reinvented himself. Rated PG-13.

June 29 SHREK

Starring Cameron Diaz and John Lithgow.

Hideous green monster, Shrek, sets out on a quest to find his perfect wife, as equally ugly princess and terrifies everyone he meets during his adventures. Based on the picture book by William Steig. Rated PG.

(All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Housing office names 'Yard of the Month winners'

■ The base housing office selected the following residents as the Yard of the Month winners for April and May:

Main base winners:

April: Lt. Col. Jeffrey Baker and his wife Kathy Baker. Baker is assigned to the 30th Medical Group.

May: Staff Sgt. Darlene Martin and her husband Joshua. Martin is assigned to the 30th Security Forces Squadron.

East Housing winners:

April: Tech. Sgt. Tony Greer and his wife Robin. Greer is assigned to the 30th MG.

May: Tech. Sgt. Andrew Smothermon and his wife Sherry. Smothermon is assigned to the 614th Space Operations Squadron.

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DODGERS vs MARINERS

July 8, \$45 per person
(Children must be of school age)

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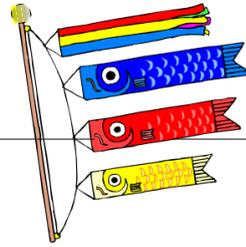
July 21, \$35 (transportation only)

Buy your discount ticket at VITT in the Services Center Building: \$28.50 Adults, \$25.50 Children 6-11 years.

DODGERS vs METS

Aug. 18, \$45 per person
(Children must be of school age)

For more information, call 606-7976.



NEWS

VANDENBERG YOUTH SUMMER Sports Program

Registrations will be taken Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. The youth sports program believes in introducing children to team sports at a young age. This season our program has been modified to meet the ability and maturity of the players participating. With this in mind we run a 5-year-old league in most of our season sports programs. Soccer players must be 5 years old by Aug. 1 and will only be placed on teams with 5 year olds. For more information, call 606-2152.

YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

Basketball fundamentals offered to improve the skills of your game for youth 8 to 13 years.
Location: Youth Center gym Clinic Date: July 16 to 20
Registration: July 2 to 13 for players going into third through ninth grade Cost: \$15 per player (\$10 for youth center members)

YOUTH SOFTBALL CLINIC

Fundamentals of fast-pitch softball. Girls 8 to 14 years.
Location: youth softball field No. 1 Clinic Date: July 23 to 27
Registration: July 2 to 22 for players 8 to 13 years old Cost: \$15 per player (\$10 for youth center members)

YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC

Baseball fundamental skills will be taught to player's 8 to 12 years.
Location: youth baseball fields Clinic Date: July 30 to Aug. 3
Registration: July 2 to 27 for players 8 to 12 years Cost: \$15 per player (\$10 for youth center members)

YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC

Get your kicks from soccer this summer. Soccer fundamental skills will be taught to players 8 to 13 years.
Location: youth soccer fields Clinic Date: Aug. 6 to 10
Registration: July 2 to Aug. 3 for players 8 to 14 years Cost: \$15 per player (\$10 for youth center members)

All programs date, time, and age groupings are subject to adjustment depending on the amount of volunteer support and players interest. (These clinics are non-refundable.)

OUTDOOR REC

JUNE 30 HORSEBACK TRAIL RIDE - Sign up by June 22. Ride starts at 12:30 p.m and is open to anyone over 13 years old regardless of riding experience. Call 606-5908 for more information. **ATWIND EVENT!**

JULY 7 or 8 KERN RIVER RAFTING TRIP Sign up by July 3. Cost is \$55 per person. Minimum age is 16. **ATWIND EVENT!**

FITNESS CENTER

SATURDAY - Father & Son Basketball Tournament Tip-off at 9a.m. at the Fitness Center. Free to all.

GOLF

TUESDAY & THURSDAY - Intramural Golf, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY - Ladies Priority, 8 to 9:30 a.m.

SWIMMING

DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT - June 29 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost of \$2 per person includes popcorn and a soda. Call 606-3581 for more information.

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS - Register for classes at the Family Aquatics Center. Lessons are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

BOWLING

EVERY FRIDAY - 'Eat & Bowl' special for July. From 5 p.m. until closing get a cheeseburger, fries, beverage, three bowling games and rental shoes for \$7 per person.

SPECIAL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM is being offered for July and August for school-age youth. The cost is \$15. Youth may bowl from opening to 5 p.m. for 50¢ per game. Call 734-1310 for more details.

SATURDAY - Bowling Center will be closed during the day to support the Lompoc Flower Festival. It will be open from 5 p.m. until midnight. Thunder Alley and Rock 300 will start at 9 p.m.

The **Bowling Center Snack Bar** will be **CLOSED** July 4. The Bowling Center will be open with Thunder Alley and Rock 300 for the July 4 base picnic. The free picnic will be held outside the Bowling Center. To bowl, the cost is \$2 per bowler per hour, shoes included, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BOWLING CENTER - Closed Sundays until Sept. 2.



STYLES of MASSAGE available:

- Swedish Massage
 - Deep Tissue Massage
- by appointment

Gift Certificates are available!

Located at the Services Center

Call Mary at 605-4748 or 717-9088

Library News!

WOMEN'S INTEREST/WOMEN'S ISSUES BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

meets Thursday at noon in the library conference room. Brown bag lunch. For further details, contact the Base Library at 606-6414. **This is an ATWIND EVENT!**

BOOK-A-TRIP

SUMMER READING PROGRAM begins Saturday for ages 4 to 16. Fun! Adventure! Excitement! Registration starts today. **This is an ATWIND EVENT!**



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THIS WEEK'S PLACES TO PLAY:

- Today- Today- Today- Today- ATWIND Golf Day, all day!
- IRA, family support center, 11 a.m. to noon
- Lunch at the Pacific Coast Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Karaoke in the Hawk's Nest, 8 p.m. midnight
- Saturday- Saturday- Saturday- Youth Bowling at the Bowling Center, all day!
- Youth Golf at Marshallia Ranch, all day!
- Skills Auto Hobby Shop, all day!
- Monday- Monday- Monday- Monday- Youth Center Can Recycle Day, Youth Center, all day!
- Lunch at the Bowling Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Financial Basics class, FSC, 11 a.m. noon
- Sponsor Training, FSC, 3 to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday- Tuesday- Tuesday- Tuesday- Airmen (E-4 and below), Bowling Day, all day!
- Single Parents' Group, FSC, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Stress Management Class, at the HAWC, 2 to 4 p.m.
- Family Night, Pacific Coast Club, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday- Wednesday- Wednesday- Wednesday- Buy tickets through ITT, Services Center, all day!
- ATWIND Fitness Day at the Fitness Center, all day! (minimum 30 minute workout)
- Use your library card, all day!
- Job Info Expo at the FSC, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
- Lunch at the golf course, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Ethnic lunch, Breakers & AETC dining halls, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Water Aerobics, base pool, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Ladies Bible Study (book of Romans), old religious education building, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday- Thursday- Thursday- ATWIND Bowl Day at the bowling center, all day!
- Skills - Arts & Crafts Center, all day!
- Intermediate Step Aerobics, Services Center, 5 to 5:55 p.m.

June 29- June 29- ATWIND Golf Day, all day!
Lunch at the Pacific Coast Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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