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## Base News Briefs

### TAURUS ROCKET SET TO LAUNCH TODAY

A Taurus rocket is scheduled to launch today from Space Launch Complex 576E on North Vandenberg. The 18-minute launch window begins at 11:49 a.m. The launch is a team effort by Vandenberg, Orbital Sciences Corporation and NASA.

### VANDEMBERG HOLDS POW/MIA CEREMONY TODAY

A POW/MIA Day ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. today at the base POW/MIA memorial located near the library. The ceremony will honor those listed as POW or MIA and their families. All base people are invited to attend. For information, call Master Sgts. Sam Warren at 606-5550 or Troy Weigel at 606-9044.

### VANDEMBERG NCOA HOLDS MEETING TODAY

The Vandenberg Non-Commissioned Officer Association Chapter 62 has scheduled a general membership meeting today at 3 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club enlisted conference room. For more information about the NCOA, call Tech. Sgt. Tony Palacios at 606-1225 or Senior Master Sgt. Al Horton at 605-2141.

### NEW AIR FORCE WEB SITE COVERS TRAGEDY

Air Force officials have set up a new website link called "Responding to Tragedy" at [www.af.mil/news/tragedy](http://www.af.mil/news/tragedy). The site has the latest Air Force-related news about the Sept. 11 tragedy, as well as links to frequently asked questions about Air Force people assigned to the Pentagon, hero stories, letters, photos and base news.

### JAG SCHEDULES LOAC TRAINING MONDAY, WEDNESDAY

The 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing legal office will be offering Law of Armed Conflict briefings at four different times next week at the base theater. The briefings are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This is required training for military members. If people have not attended a LOAC briefing this year they need to attend one of these briefings.

### CONTRACTING SQ. CHANGES COMMAND TUESDAY

The 30<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron change-of-command ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club ballroom. Lt. Col. Corby Clark will relinquish command to Maj. Daniel DeMott.

### MSS RECOMMENDS UPDATING SGLI, EMERGENCY DATA CARDS

All base members are requested to verify their emergency data cards and Servicemembers Group Life Insurance information is accurate. For information, call the military personnel flight at 606-7756.

### ALS CLASS 01-G HOLDS GRADUATION BANQUET

The graduation banquet for Airman Leadership School Class 01-G is scheduled for Wednesday in the Pacific Coast Club. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. Attire for the event is semi-formal or mess dress. For information, call the ALS staff at 606-5595.

### MILITARY CLOTHING STORES RAISE PRICES OCT. 1

Beginning Oct. 1, Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales stores will undergo price changes. In order to take advantage of this year's prices, soldiers and airmen should visit their local military clothing sales store by Sept. 29.

### LAB CHANGES CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS OCT. 1

Beginning Oct. 1, the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group lab hours of operation will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The lab will be

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### 30<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron's weekend forecast

Vandenberg will have low clouds in the morning and sunny afternoons. Fog will roll in early evening.



Low/High  
**52/70**

Visit the 30<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron's website at [www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/index.html](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/index.html) to get a five-day forecast.

# Remember this day



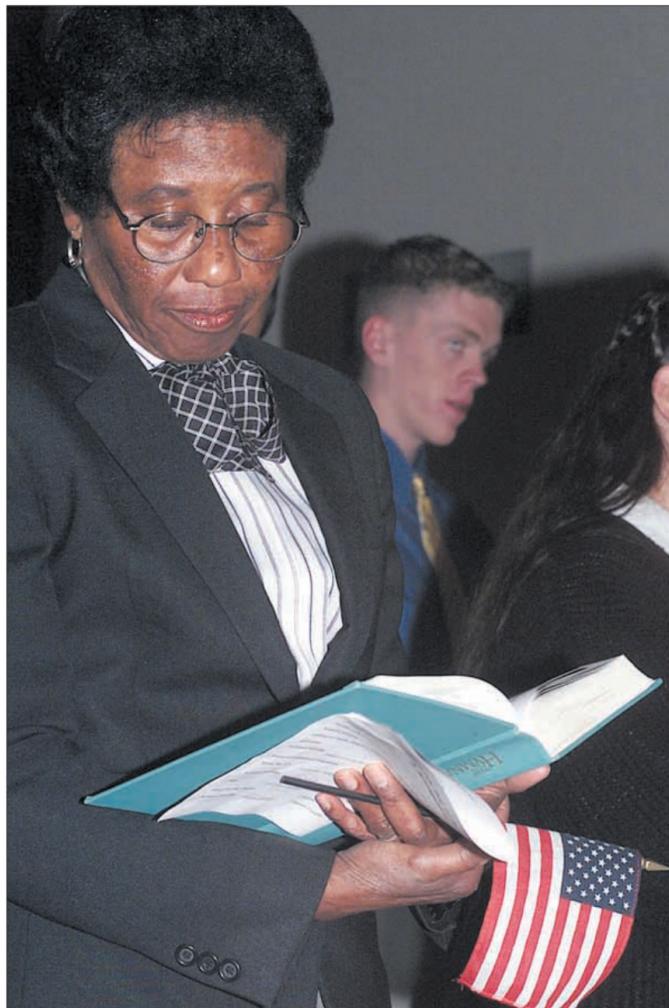
**Vandenberg firemen bow their heads for a moment of silence during the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance at Chapel One Sept. 14. More than 300 New York firefighters are still unaccounted for in the wake of the disastrous attack.**

***"We will persevere through this national tragedy and personal loss. In time, we will find healing and recovery; and in the face of all this evil, we remain strong and united."***

President George W. Bush  
President of the United States



**The World Trade Center twin towers just moments after the second aircraft crashed into the south tower.**



**A Team Vandenberg member sings a hymn during the day of remembrance and prayer service at Chapel One.**



**Senior Airman Ferdinand Rivera, 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, checks a motorist's identification card Sept. 11 at the main gate.**



**A Team Vandenberg member salutes Old Glory at half-staff during the playing of the National Anthem. All U.S. Flags will be at half-staff until Saturday.**



**(Above) Firefighters and emergency response crews battle smoke and fire at the Pentagon following the terrorist attack Sept. 11. (Right) Airmen take a moment to pray for the victims. More than 5,500 people are still missing in New York City.**



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JEANETTE COPELAND

# American spirit triumphs

COL. ROBERT KOPP  
30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron commander

Recent terrorist attacks have definitely changed every American's way of life for the foreseeable future. Personal security, comfort and travel convenience will affect each citizen differently. These events are already getting categorized as this generation's "Pearl Harbor."

While the suffering, sadness and discomfort from these disasters will be long felt, there is definitely another feeling within our United States that is clearly uplifting. There is one so-called silver lining to this very dark cloud. I think everyone can sense immediately the common unification, the very positive spirit of patriotism and the strong commitment for humanity — helping the suffering.

The number of heroic acts and general support to aid and rescue is amazing. Unfortunately, we have reports that many of the rescue workers, policemen, medical technicians and firefighters, during the early stages of the twin towers event likely died. There were many reports of officemates helping during evacuation who are also missing. There was a report that perhaps the passengers on the downed plane near Pittsburgh realized that their plane was a potential bomb hurling toward a major populated target and they helped down it prematurely — saving perhaps thousands of lives as they sacrificed their own.

American unity is demonstrated everywhere. All the congressional parties have indicated their support of the President.

As rescue workers traveled to the sites — flags were waving on the roadways. Solidarity will make us stronger as a nation. The good news is there was no panic on the streets. The good news was our huge aviation system was able to quickly stop traffic — which we can speculate may have prevented further terrorist acts.

Let me share with you my thoughts on how Americans will act and respond in the coming weeks:

- An American will be sad and pray for the dead and suffering.
- An American will cheer for the rescue workers as they continue risking their lives to help.
- An American will hug his family tonight and add another prayer of thanks that his family is together safely.
- An American will fly his flag to show solidarity and faith in our government.
- An American will be ready to volunteer and help those less fortunate.
- An American will have expectations that our leadership will righteously find those guilty.
- An American in uniform will respond and engage with those terrorists responsible.
- An American in uniform will return and report, "Mission complete."
- An American will cheer for those in uniform for making the world safer.
- An American will always be ready to protect our nation, but pray for peace.
- Let there be no doubt, from the mountains to the prairies, an American will realize we have a precious freedom, a common unity and commitment.

We call it — The American Spirit.

An American must also realize the acts of individuals or groups are not representative of an entire religious organization or ethnic persuasion.

We must allow our law enforcement and intelligence communities to find the guilty.

Dignity and respect of our diverse citizenry is what makes this country great — don't discard that critical fact.



Col. Robert M. Worley II  
Commander,  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

Call the Commander's Action Line at 606-7850 or [actionline@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:actionline@vandenberg.af.mil)

EMERGENCY.....	911
Information.....	411
Poison control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic appointments.....	606-2273
After-hours urgent care.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE services.....	800-242-6788
Health Care Information Line.....	800-611-2883
Law enforcement.....	606-3911
Housing maintenance.....	734-5586
Child Development Center.....	606-1555
MPF customer service.....	606-7756
Visitor control center.....	606-7662
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
Base operator.....	606-1110
Public tours.....	606-3595

## 14<sup>th</sup> AF officer honors fallen pilot, bracelet symbolizes unspoken bond

LT. COL. JUAN HOLGUIN  
14<sup>th</sup> Air Force

On the evening of June 8, 1967, two F-4C Phantom planes departed Da Nang AB on an armed reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam.

Hambone 1 took the lead, followed about a mile behind by Hambone 2, commanded by Capt. Victor Apodaca Jr. and flown by Capt. Jon Busch. The two aircraft were flying at an altitude of about 4,500 feet over a river valley with rolling to mountainous terrain about 22 miles northeast of Dong Hoi, North Vietnam.

Hambone 1 radioed Hambone 2 that he was encountering heavy and accurate ground fire. Fifteen seconds later, Apodaca acknowledged the warning and reported that his aircraft had been hit. Hambone 1 advised Apodaca to exit the area and head for the coast (where a safer at-sea rescue could occur). Moments later, Hambone 2 reported that it was experiencing control and hydraulics problems.

The last message from Hambone 2 gave the direction of his aircraft and its altitude, which was 16,000 feet. Seconds later, emergency signals were received for about 25 seconds, but it wasn't possible to determine whether one or two radio signals were broadcasting, nor could the precise point of origination be determined.

Hambone 1, critically low on fuel, was forced to return to base.

An electronic search was conducted, but

suspended due to darkness, bad weather and heavy anti-aircraft fire. During the search, no electronic or visual contact was made and no evidence of the aircraft was found.

The Air Force told the families of Hambone 2's crew they couldn't determine whether or not the men survived. Neither man was among the prisoners released in 1973 from Vietnam. The Hanoi government denied any knowledge of them for 20 years.

In 1986, I had the privilege of serving with 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Robert Apodaca at Falcon AFB, Colo. His father, Maj. Victor Apodaca Jr., was that F-4C pilot in that June 1967

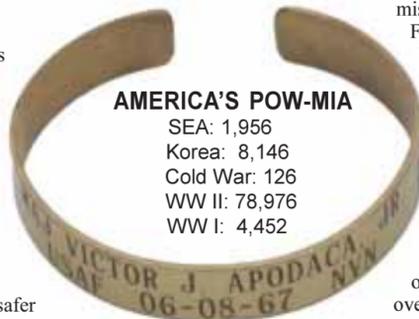
mission for the 389<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, Da Nang AB, South Vietnam. Maj. Apodaca had been missing-in-action for more than 20 years. I've carried his gold POW/MIA ID bracelet with me since I met his son at Falcon.

This summer while on temporary duty overseas I happened to pick up a local paper.

On the second page, I saw that, 34 years after his disappearance, the remains of Maj. Apodaca had finally been identified May 15, 2001.

Looking at that ID bracelet for so many years, it gave me pause to think about the sacrifices of so many airmen who fought and died for our country.

I will never forget those who are still POW/MIA. The remains of Maj. Victor Apodaca were laid to rest Sept. 15 with full military honors at the U.S. Air Force Academy Colorado Springs, Colo.



## Organizations assist disaster relief efforts

Federal employees have the opportunity to contribute to national and local relief efforts in New York City and Washington D.C. through their participation in the Combined Federal Campaign. Employees may designate their payroll deduction or make a cash or check contribution to the organization of their choice.

If employees would like their cash or check contribution to be used for the national local relief efforts, they may want to designate their contribution to one or more of the organizations listed below. Contributions to these organizations should be made by completing a CFC pledge card and choosing payroll deduction or attaching a check. The local CFC administrative structure will ensure that these contributions are forwarded to the organization designated. A listing of all local campaign offices can be found on the OPM website at <http://www.opm.gov/cfc/html/PCFO.htm>.

Below is a list of some of the CFC charitable organizations. The list is not all inclusive. People should contact their unit CFC representative for more information.

- CFC #0100  
The September 11<sup>th</sup> Fund  
[www.unitedway.org](http://www.unitedway.org)
- CFC #1401  
Adventist Development & Relief Agency International  
[www.adra.org](http://www.adra.org)
- CFC #0437  
America's Second Harvest  
[www.secondharvest.org](http://www.secondharvest.org)
- CFC #0700  
American Red Cross  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
- CFC #0333  
AmeriCares  
[www.americares.org](http://www.americares.org)
- CFC #0416  
Amnesty International of the USA  
[www.aiusa.org](http://www.aiusa.org)
- CFC #2022  
Association of Gospel Rescue Missions  
[www.rescuemissions.org](http://www.rescuemissions.org)
- CFC #0848  
Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, Inc.  
[www.ajfca.org](http://www.ajfca.org)
- CFC #2002  
Baptist World Alliance  
[www.bwanet.org](http://www.bwanet.org)
- CFC #0874  
Burchette, Connors, Ellington, Hereford, Lynch Memorial College Education Fund
- CFC #2744  
Children's Feeding Network  
[www.childrensfeedingnetwork.org](http://www.childrensfeedingnetwork.org)
- CFC #2026  
Children's Food Fund/World Emergency Relief  
[www.worldemergency.org](http://www.worldemergency.org)
- CFC #0310  
Church World Service/CROP  
[www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)
- CFC #2032  
Compassion International  
[www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com)
- CFC #1209  
Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS)  
[www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org)
- CFC # 2108  
Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust  
[www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)
- CFC #1813  
Dogs for Disabled Americans  
[www.neads.org](http://www.neads.org)
- CFC #2982  
Drug Enforcement Administration Survivors Benefit Fund
- CFC #2400  
Educate America: Scholarship Fund for the Surviving Children of the Victims of Black Tuesday  
<http://www.educateamerica.org/>
- CFC #2808  
Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund  
[www.feea.org](http://www.feea.org)
- CFC #2052  
Feed the Children  
[www.feedthechildren.org](http://www.feedthechildren.org)
- CFC #2044  
Food for the Hungry  
<http://www.fh.org>
- CFC #2838  
Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind  
[www.guidedog.org](http://www.guidedog.org)
- CFC #2752  
Healing the Children Northeast  
[www.healingthechildrenca.org](http://www.healingthechildrenca.org)
- CFC #2093  
International Aid  
[www.internationalaid.org](http://www.internationalaid.org)
- CFC #0495  
International Association of Fire Fighters Burn Foundation  
[www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)
- CFC #0351  
International Relief Teams  
[www.irteams.org](http://www.irteams.org)



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**Vandenberg members living in new housing units and desiring to fly a flag must submit an Air Force Form 332 to the housing office. Flags should only be displayed from sunrise until sunset unless it is directly illuminated.**



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

## Officials offer guidance on wall mounted flags

COMPILED FROM REPORTS

■ In light of the tragic events of last week, many base family housing residents have inquired about base regulations regarding the installation of exterior wall mounted flag brackets for display of the U.S. flag.

The following reflects the current base housing policies:

- ◆ Residents of newer homes may submit an Air Force Form 332 to the housing office requesting permission to install a 4x4-inch post in a front yard planter area. The flag bracket can then be mounted to the post for subsequent display of the U.S. flag.
- ◆ As an alternative, residents may install flag brackets to wooden fences, with prior housing office approval.
- ◆ Personnel residing in older housing units may install flag brackets on any wooden surface of their home.

The following rules of etiquette apply to flag display:

- ◆ The flag should only be displayed from sunrise to sunset unless directly illuminated.
- ◆ When no longer a fitting emblem for display, the flag should be destroyed in a dignified way. Preferable by burning.
- ◆ When displayed on a staff projecting out from a structure, the union should be placed at the peak of the staff unless at half staff. Regardless, the union should be furthest from the building.
- ◆ The flag should never touch anything beneath it such as the ground.

For additional questions, about any housing office policies, call 606-3795.

## MGIB deadline nears for VEAP participants

MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Time is running out for more than 200 Team Vandenberg members who are currently or were previously enrolled in the Veterans Educational Assistance Program, commonly known as VEAP.

“These people have until Oct. 31 to convert their VEAP benefits over to the more lucrative Montgomery G.I. Bill,” said Sherry Huffer, 30<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron education technician.

Huffer said a recently enacted statute, Public Law 106-419 Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000, allows people who have contributed to VEAP accounts to make the conversion.

She added that a major factor in this conversion is that it doesn't matter whether eligible people have made previous contributions to VEAP.

Members may have to weigh some major differences between the two programs.

In a stark contrast to VEAP, which places an \$8,100 cap on education benefits, the MGIB can provide a maximum of \$23,400.

Huffer said, VEAP participants who decide to convert to the MGIB can contribute \$150 for 18 months or they can transfer the funds they

### ELIGIBLES MUST MEET REQUIREMENTS

- To be eligible, members must have:
  - ◆ Participated in VEAP at some time in their careers.
  - ◆ Served on continuous active duty from Oct. 9, 1996 to April 1, 2000.
  - ◆ Completed Department of Defense Form 2366, Montgomery GI Bill of 1984 to enroll.
  - ◆ Applied for a refund of the remaining contributions in their VEAP accounts using VA Form 5281, Application for the Refund of Educational Contributions.

have left in their education accounts for the full or partial amount to the MGIB.

Fred Williams, 30<sup>th</sup> MSS education technician, said that people who decide to convert to the MGIB can start using their benefits as soon as they pay \$2,700 into the program. All MGIB contributions are non-refundable.

Under the MGIB, people could reasonably ex-

pect to receive \$650 for 36 months for a total of \$23,400.

Williams explained that the 36-month period is based on the average academic school year. That's the fall and spring semesters over a four year period. He added that people could use the benefit for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship or on-the-job training and correspondence courses.

Remedial, deficiency and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following your release from active duty.

Huffer said that about half of the eligible Team Vandenberg members have talked with her about the MGIB and acknowledged the benefit.

Huffer concluded that people interested in converting their VEAP benefits to the MGIB need to contact her by Nov. 1.

VEAP participants not electing to switch to MGIB are required to use the funds within 10 years of separation from active duty; otherwise all contributions will be automatically refunded.

Additional information can be found on the veteran's affairs website at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

## Court sentences airman on multiple counts

BY SENIOR AIRMAN KIETH EGELSTON

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Staff Judge Advocates Office

■ An airman from the 532<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron was sentenced to four months confinement and a bad conduct discharge during a special court-martial here Aug. 30.

Airman Basic Jacob Velner, a former student with the 532<sup>nd</sup>, pleaded guilty to two charges of larceny, one charge of wrongful appropriation, one charge of breaking restriction and one charge of absenting himself from his unit. The charges are violations of Articles 86, 121 and 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Velner, living under a 30-day restriction to Vandenberg as a result of a previous non-judi-

cial punishment, traveled to Minnesota for six days without leave. This action broke his restriction and compounded his violation with the AWOL offense, violations of Articles 134 and 86 respectively.

Upon his return, Velner was seen by one of his supervisors deplaning at the Santa Maria Airport. This led to an investigation into Velner's activities.

Investigators learned that prior to his AWOL, Velner had stolen a fellow Air Force member's ATM card and used it to make several unauthorized withdrawals during his AWOL. These crimes led to his larceny and wrongful appropriation charges, violations of Article 121.

Facing trial by special court martial, Velner elected to have his case tried before a panel of Air Force officers.

The maximum sentence he could receive was a bad conduct discharge, six months confinement and forfeiture of two-thirds of his base pay.

Representing the government, Capts. Michael Christy and Christopher Morgan from the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office emphasized that the military is a distinct society where these types of offenses have greater significance and ramifications.

“If the person next to you is someone you can't trust ... then there's a breakdown and we can't function as a fighting force,” Morgan said.

## Jumper, Roche: Air Force won't repeat past mistakes of strategy

BY TECH. SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT

Air Force Print News

■ WASHINGTON — The Air Force's top officials pledged Sept. 17 that the service would not repeat the mistakes of strategy that led to the nation's greatest single loss of life on a battlefield — a battle which took place more than a century ago.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper made their remarks during an Air Force re-enlistment ceremony at the Pentagon.

Fifty-four airmen took part in the ceremony, symbolizing the service's 54th birthday.

“I don't think you could have

picked a more momentous time to re-enlist,” Roche said. “Today marks the 139th anniversary of the (Civil War) battle of Antietam. What's interesting about that battle that's timely for today is it remains the greatest single loss of American life in battle.”

Of the roughly 23,000 casualties, about 3,000 Americans lost their lives. Many of those losses were because of mistakes in leadership.

“It was an example of not understanding the technology of war,” Roche said. “War had changed, but the leaders didn't know how to adapt to new technology. They didn't know how to adapt to how war had to be fought

(in those conditions) compared to the way they'd always done it.”

Roche said that the terrorist attacks Sept. 11 were a wake-up call to America's military of today.

“It's a signal that war in the future will not be like war in the past,” Roche said.

“But unlike the officers of Antietam, this Air Force is open. It's willing to listen. It believes in challenging up and recognizes that many of you are the key to our future,” the secretary said.

Roche said Air Force leadership needs to rethink how aerospace power will affect the future of war — a war that is protracted, and one where there's no other air force to take on.

“There is no canopy-to-canopy thinking,” he said.

Noting the Air Force's relatively short history compared to America's other armed forces, Jumper reflected upon the service's heroic past.

“We've made our mark,” he said. “We grew up with heroes — astronauts, aces and Medal of Honor winners. And we have our heroes from the 11th of September.”

Those heroes include Air Force Reserve Maj. Leroy Homer, a pilot aboard hijacked United Airlines Flight 93.

“We know there was a struggle aboard that aircraft,” Jumper said. “We like to think that people in

uniform tried to retake control of that aircraft and save many more lives on the ground.

“Those heroes, and the heroes who gave their lives in (the Pentagon), the World Trade Center, the firefighters and policemen, are all with (us) today,” he said.

“They are waiting to judge our actions. Will they be worthy of the sacrifices that have been made? Not for retribution or revenge, but for justice — justice that's borne of a righteous cause,” the general said.

“As the president of the United States said, ‘this is not for the short-term, but the long-term,’” Jumper said. “The heroes that are (here) today will approve.”



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. JIM VARHEYG

**Honoring the Air Force's 54<sup>th</sup> birthday, 54 airmen re-enlist in a special ceremony at the Pentagon Sept. 18.**

# To honor with dignity

By MASTER SGT. YVES JOHNSON

Vandenberg Honor Guard

Integrity, Excellence in all We do, Service Before Self. Familiar words but what do they mean.

For members of the Vandenberg honor guard these words, the Air Force core values, embody the essence of their profession. But it all starts with integrity.

"Integrity is the bedrock of our core values," said former Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogelman. "At the heart of our military profession has to be the idea that a person's word is his bond."

If you're going to be in this business, if you're going to talk about, and represent, "the profession, you must have integrity," he said.

The Vandenberg honor guard symbolizes integrity. Being a member is actually a voluntary additional duty. Its members have answered the call and live up to their commitment in spite of the challenges it brings to their daily lives.

The honor guard represents "Service before Self" because being a member of Vandenberg's elite is sometimes a difficult task.

The men and women of the team often pull a double duty. They still have to attend to their normal duties associated with their career field in addition to hours spent perfecting honor guard drill and ceremony.

Honor guard members provide many different services to the men and women of Team Vandenberg and the surrounding areas. They often perform community services like ceremonies commemorating America's POWs and MIAs, changes-of-command, retirements, community parades and weddings.

However, the honor guard's primary duty is rendering military honors during funerals for all active duty members and eligible, veterans and retirees of the Air Force and Army Air Corps. The reason



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

for the honor guard's existence is to provide military funeral honors to all eligible veterans. All other details are subordinate.

Regardless of the challenges they face, they didn't join for tangible benefits. The reward they appreciate the most is when family members thank them for honoring a loved one during a funeral ceremony. It's a rewarding feeling to help families achieve closure in mourning.

Vandenberg Honor Guard members exemplify "Excellence in all We Do," as they honor past and present traditions and customs. They take pride in representing the Air Force and Vandenberg in the numerous details they perform throughout the year. There has not been a detail where the host or guest didn't compliment the honor guard on how well they represented the Air Force.

The hugs and tearful thanks received from family members really make the job

worthwhile.

There are, however, some tangible benefits of being an honor guard member. They include, but are not limited to, a distinctive uniform with accessories like hat, shoes, T-shirt and luggage.

They also have their own quarterly awards programs. Members can receive an honor guard jacket after completing 10 details. Honor guard members are considered for, though not guaranteed, an Air Force Achievement Medal after their one-year tour. Considerations for the medal is based on performance, inspection results, leadership and the number of details completed.

Team Vandenberg is in constant need of sharp airmen and NCOs who can rise to the challenge as members of the base honor guard. Their contributions can make a difference to a fallen comrade's family.

For information about joining Vandenberg's honor guard, call 606-3654.

## Milstar constellation gains new satellite

By 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. MICHELLE MAYO

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

The 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force recently added one more satellite to its operational repertoire when it gained full operational control of the Milstar II satellite this past July.

With the addition of the most recent Milstar satellite, the Air Force now operates a three-satellite operational constellation, providing near global communications coverage.

The satellite is the Department of Defense's most technologically advanced telecommunications satellite. It uses a combination of data rates and operational frequencies to provide the military with capabilities not available on current Defense Satellite Communications System satellites.

"The Milstar satellite will enhance United States Space Command's ability to provide secure, worldwide communications to the warfighter," said Capt. Don Daugherty, 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force's chief of satellite operations.

The new satellite, which came under 14<sup>th</sup> AF's control July 26, is the result of a combined U.S. Air Force Military Satellite Communications Joint Program Office and Lockheed Martin led national team.

The Milstar II satellite was launched Feb. 27. After almost five months of testing in space, the new Milstar satellite was moved to its operational orbit and is ready to conduct mission operations.

"The performance of Milstar II has exceeded even our most wildly optimistic expectations and has already proven to be a tremendous asset for our tactical and strategic forces," said Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold, Space and Missile Systems Center commander, Air Force Materiel Command.

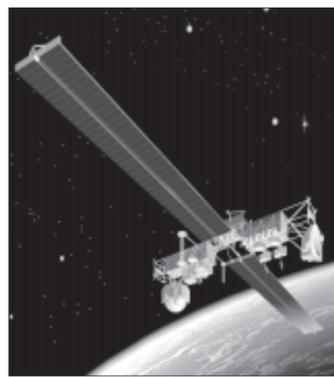
One of Milstar's unique features is its ability to "hop" between frequencies - a first for communications satellites, allowing for enhanced communication security.

The system communicates using terminals that are compatible among all of the military services, including shipborne, man-portable, vehicle-mounted terminals and those carried in command-and-control aircraft.

The Milstar communications system provides the Department of Defense and troops in the field with reliable, secure and jam-proof

communications.

The satellite system's capability, which provides increased security through the use of specially designed



FILE GRAPHIC

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antennas and faster data-rate transmissions for all users, has undergone extensive testing with the Army and Navy.

United States Space Command accepted combatant command of the new asset from AFMC and assigned operational control to the 14<sup>th</sup> AF. The 4<sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron at Schriever AFB, Colo., performs command and control of the Milstar constellation for 14<sup>th</sup> AF.

The first Milstar satellite was launched in 1994 and the second launched in 1995. The remaining two Milstar satellites are scheduled for launch in 2002.



FILE PHOTO

**Toshiaki Yamamoto, 30<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron, is the first Air Force Space Command civilian to be deployed for a contingency temporary duty assignment. He deployed to Osan AB in support of Ulchi Focus Lens.**

## 30<sup>th</sup> TRNS civilian makes AFSPC history

By 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. JOSEPH KLEINFELDT

30<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron

Deployments are a way of life for many active-duty men and women. Now, a Team Vandenberg member is the first civilian in Air Force Space Command to be deployed for a contingency action.

Toshiaki Yamamoto, a vehicle operator with the 30<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron, deployed to Osan AB, Republic of Korea, in August to support Ulchi Focus Lens, an exercise to show American force near the demilitarized zone of the Korean peninsula.

With a shortage of active-duty vehicle operators available for deployment, Yamamoto answered the call and volunteered to go.

"I wanted a change of pace," he said. "This seemed like a good opportunity."

Yamamoto said exploring the local area and shopping was his favorite part of the TDY. On the other end of the spectrum he said, "Traveling was the most difficult," because his family is not there to enjoy it with him.

For civilians who work at military installations, there are no such requirements, except in emergency situations.

However, civilian workers have long been told they can volunteer for such duties.

Many hurdles such as paperwork, training and planning to facilitate Yamamoto's deployment had to be overcome to make it a reality.

Training with weapons, computers, and protective gear were completed well in advance to make the process go smoothly. However, acquisition of his passport and visa was finalized less than 12 hours before his scheduled departure.

"All of 30<sup>th</sup> Transportation (Squadron) pulled together to make this a success," said Master Sgt. Adrian De Silva, 30<sup>th</sup> TRNS vehicle operations superintendent.

De Silva played an integral role in getting Yamamoto to Korea after making countless phone calls and asking the right people the right questions.

"Nothing was going to stop Yamamoto from getting on that plane," De Silva said.

The deployment to Osan also included 13 active-duty Vandenberg members.

Staff Sgt. Lewis Dothager, dispatch support chief, thought it was great that Yamamoto volunteered.

"I believe Yamamoto wanted to show everyone that you don't have to just come in and do the same

thing every day," Dothager said. "You can do things that are out of your normal duties to help people and have a good time doing it."

Yamamoto is a long time member of Team Vandenberg.

In 1971, he began his career at Vandenberg working with the civil engineer squadron as part of their grounds maintenance crew.

Honored for 30 years exemplary service, he has worked at his current position in transportation since 1981.

While in the Army from 1966 to 1969, he worked in the maintenance pool and as a tank mechanic repairing M-48s, M-60s and armored personnel carriers. The Vietnam veteran served tours at Fort Ord, Fort Knox, Fort Hood and Southeast Asia.

Not content with just one deployment, Yamamoto has expressed a desire to deploy with an Air Expeditionary Force as well.

**"Nothing was going to stop Yamamoto from getting on that plane."**

Master Sgt. Adrian DeSilva  
30<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron



PHOTO BY CAPT. JIM FABIO

Workers survey the catastrophic destruction at “ground zero” in New York City. A New York Air National Guard

pararescue team helped pull a young woman from the wreckage the day after the terrorist attack.

## Guard members help rescue NY victim

By MASTER SGT. RICK BURNHAM

*Air Force Print News*

■ WASHINGTON — Steve Arrigotti thinks her name was Julie, but he is not convinced that is the case. He is fairly confident that she is an African-American, although, because her body was covered with ash and soot, he is not certain. Because of her clothing — yellow shorts and a half T-shirt — he thinks she was a tourist. But he can not say for sure.

But the face ... he will never forget the face.

One week after horrific terrorist attacks killed thousands in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, Arrigotti, an Air National Guard master sergeant assigned to Francis S. Gabreski Airport in Westhampton Beach, N.Y., spoke of the young woman he helped pull out alive from the debris of the World Trade Center twin towers.

Hers, he said, was a face full of shock and grief, but a face full of life.

“Her body was completely covered in soot, and as it turns out, there was not a scratch on her,” said Arrigotti, a pararescuman from the 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing. “But her eyes were completely swollen shut from the heavy smoke and soot. Obviously, she was in shock, but she was alive.”

The rescue, one of only five successful extractions confirmed as of Wednesday, came just a day after the attack, when New York officials were just beginning to assess the full impact of the destruction.

“We sent two nine-person teams,” he said. “The original intent was to have one unit work north of the ‘ground zero’ area and the other one south. We arrived in the city around 9 p.m. (EDT) the day of the attacks.”

But, upon arrival, the group learned that because so many firefighters and policemen had been lost when the towers collapsed, the command and control element of the rescue operation was greatly affected. And many of the rescue workers were also trying to dig their comrades out from the debris on the roads leading to the towers.

“The first evening, there was not a lot of attention given to trade towers themselves,” Arrigotti said. “Most of search effort was on the

west highway in front of trade towers. When the towers came down, there were a lot of rescue vehicles on the street below. So when we arrived, many of the firefighters and police were desperately trying to dig their people out.”

The next morning, however, the teams made their way to “ground zero,” where they were directed to points both south and north of the debris. Arrigotti, along with Master Sgts. Robert Marx, Kevin Kelly and Jimmy Dougherty, were among those assigned to work the south area.

By that time, he said, the fire had been knocked down to a point where they could get much closer to the debris. As they got closer, they immediately noticed there were many “cavities” which appeared capable of holding survivors. But that was not all they found.

“There were a lot of bodies near the debris field,” he said.

“We took it upon ourselves to get right up into the building, climbing into the second and third floors — which were probably like the 80<sup>th</sup> or 90<sup>th</sup> floors when the buildings were standing,” he said. “As we did that, it got the attention of many of the firefighters, who intuitively wanted to follow us.”

And that’s when they heard her voice.

“She was calling out for help, and I had to look twice to make sure I was not imagining what I was seeing,” he said. “There was a live person in there.”

It took a short time for the workers to get to the young woman — several large pieces of metal had to be cut away before they could get her out. But as soon as that was accomplished, the workers formed a human chain to move her out of the debris and to medical technicians standing by.

The images of the planes hitting the towers and their subsequent collapse will haunt him forever.

But, he said, there were also good memories.

Although he never saw her again, he is confident “Julie” has survived her ordeal. And the support his unit received from others around the country was overwhelming.

## Hate crimes will not be tolerated in Air Force

By STAFF SGT. AMY PARR

*Air Force Print News*

■ WASHINGTON — Hate crimes are reportedly on the rise across America in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York and Washington on Sept. 11.

But, even as they assist in cleanup and recovery operations at the Pentagon, Air Force officials are quick to remind bluesuiters everywhere of Air Force policy regarding such conduct.

“It will not be tolerated in the Air Force,” said Bob Cook, Air Force Equal Opportunity Policy chief at the Pentagon. “Commanders have been urged at all levels to remain vigilant and take prompt, appropriate action with members of their commands fail to meet Air Force standards. Discriminatory treatment in any form, including against individuals of Arab-American, Middle Eastern or Muslim

descent, simply, will not be tolerated.”

People who violate this policy are subject to action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. To date, Cook said only one Air Force incident has been reported.

Individuals should immediately report all incidents relating to hate crimes, discrimination or harassment to local military equal opportunity offices, Cook said.

Air Force leaders have expressed a personal concern and determination that Air Force people will not be subjected to inappropriate treatment because of their national origin, religious beliefs or physical appearance. Arab-Americans and members of Islamic faith groups are part of our American society and the Air Force, and they should not be unfairly targeted for attacks on America, Cook said.

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closed Saturdays. For information, call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Pat Kennedy at 606-8475 or 606-0374.

### LEGAL STAFF RECOMMENDS UPDATING WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY

In light of recent events, it is more important than ever to ensure wills and power of attorneys are up to date. The legal office can assist with will preparation and other legal assistance matters during walk-in hours Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For information, call Staff Sgt. Michael McSweeney or Capt. Michael Christy at 605-6205 or 605-6220.

### HOUSING STAFF CLEARS UP BIN PLACEMENT CONCERN

According to the Vandenberg housing office staff, residents should not place containers out for pick-up before 6 p.m. the day before the scheduled pick-up. Containers should be placed curbside between the sidewalk and street with a clearance of two feet from any obstruction. Containers must be removed from the curb and put away by 6 p.m. the day of pick-up. Bulk items must be placed curbside and not in the street. Items shouldn’t be put out for pick-up prior to Saturday before the Monday pick-up. Pick-up dates remain unchanged.

## EVENTS

**21 FRI** Velkommen to Danish Days in Solvang is today through Sunday. The event is held to celebrate Solvang's Danish heritage. Old world customs and pageantry are relived with Danish folk dancing, music, parades, food and entertainment. For more information, call the Solvang conference and visitor's bureau at (805) 668-6144.

PCPA Theaterfest presents "The 1940's Radio Hour," a live studio broadcast of a 1942 radio show and its characters at the Solvang Festival Theater now through Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. For information, call the box office at (805) 922-8313.

Pacific Coast Performing Arts Theaterfest presents Alfred Hitchcock's play, "The Rope" now through Sept. 30 in the Marian Theater on the Santa Maria Allan Hancock Campus. For tickets and show times, call PCPA's box office at (805) 922-8313.

PCPA Theaterfest presents the comedy-drama "On Golden Pond," now through Oct. 7 at the Solvang Festival Theater. For tickets and show times, call the PCPA box office at (805) 922-8313.

The Santa Maria Civic Theater needs people to volunteer for their upcoming productions. Positions available are singers, musicians, stage assistants and helpers. To volunteer call (805) 922-4442.

**22 SAT** The Vandenberg and Lompoc Fire Department have scheduled a barbecue from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday in the city parking lot at Ocean and I streets in Lompoc. The cost of the barbecue is \$7 per person and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to families of New York Firefighters killed or injured in the World Trade Center attack last week.

There will be a **Central Coast Exclusive Artists** sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in Lakeview Junior High's multi-use room located on 3700 Orcutt Road in Orcutt. The show will feature local artist works, pottery, woodworking, baskets and more. All proceeds benefit Operation Kids' Christmas. Call Master Sgt. Kenneth Lucia at 606-3663 for more information.

The Space and Sea Girl Scout troop will hold an **ice cream social** Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. on the lawn in front of the base bowling center. The event is open to all new or returning girl scouts grades Kindergarten through 12 and family members or adults who are interested in becoming leaders. For more information, call the Scout Hut at 605-2217 or the Santa Maria office at (805) 928-2008.

The Cal Poly Arts Center presents jazz saxophonist **Kenny G in concert** at 8 p.m. Saturday at Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohen Center in San Luis Obispo. This is the first show of Cal Poly's center stage series. Call the performing arts ticket office at (888) 233-2787 or visit the web site at [www.pacslo.org](http://www.pacslo.org) for information.

Readers can enjoy the **23 SUN News-Press Book and Author Festival** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the De la Guerra Plaza in Santa Barbara. For more information, call (805) 892-2250, Ext. 3000.

The **Santa Maria Valley YMCA's Tri-for-Fun** triathlon will be held Sunday. The event offers a challenging course for the whole family. For more information, call (805) 937-8521.

People can enjoy a montage of jazz, blues and readings at **Jazz and Blues: Words and Music** beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Lobero Theater in Santa Barbara. For more information, call (805) 963-0761.

**24 MON** A **Walk Through the Farmer's Market** will be held from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends until Oct. 1 in the Santa Barbara Public Library. The market is an art exhibit presented by the Los Padres Watercolor Society. Call (805) 966-6414.

The **South Coast Railroad Museum** offers miniature train rides, model railroad exhibits and self-guided tours during Depot Day from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday at 300 North Los Carneros in Goleta. For more information, call (805) 964-3540.

The **Santa Ynez Valley Wine Auction** will be held today through Monday. The event features a golf tournament at the River Course at Alisal, special events at valley wineries, silent and live auctions and a dinner at the Fess Parker Winery. For more information, call (805) 568-0588.

**26 WED** **Free tours of Vandenberg** take place every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Team Vandenberg members and their families. The tour includes a visit to the Heritage Center which contains Cold War artifacts dating back to Vandenberg's beginnings. Reservations should be made at least three

## ATWINNER



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN ROBERTS

**Tech. Sgt. Larry Roach, 30th Space Wing, one of the Air Force Services and 30th Services Squadron's Around The World In Ninety Days winners, is presented a \$1,500 check and a vacation certificate by 30th SW Commander,**

**Robert M. Worley II. Other Vandenberg ATWIND winners are; Bob Manning, mini-music system; Michael Blacker, vacation and \$1,000; Roberta Halls, Compaq computer; Stefanie Edwards, \$2000.**

weeks in advance.

For more information or to make reservations, call the public affairs office at 606-3595.

**27 THUR** The Women's, Infants, and Children's office will visit the family support center on Thursday. WIC is a nutrition education program that provides supplemental food for pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women and infants and children up to age five. For more information, call Teresa Orozco at 606-4636 or the Lompoc WIC office at 737-6470.

**28 FRI** A Kids on the Move workshop will be held at 3 p.m. Sept 28 in the family support center. The class provides discussion and activities for children ages 6 to 11 who've recently arrived or will be departing in the near future. Call the relocation assistance program at 606-0801 for registration.

The **V6 Ranch 2001 Cattle Drive** will be held Sept. 28 in Paso Robles. A meal and guide is included. For more information, call (805) 463-2371 or 463-2323.

The **Harvest Festival and Parade** in Arroyo Grande will be held Sept. 28 and 29. The event will feature a parade, arts and crafts, games and agricultural exhibits. For more information, call (805) 489-1488.

**29 SAT** Lompoc's annual **Old Town Fair** is scheduled for Sept. 29. The event will feature bed races, a barbecue, an ice cream social, art crafts and entertainment including a Renaissance Minstrels group of musicians. For more information call Gene Stevens at 735-4567.

Members of the **Quilters Etc. Quilt Guild** of Lompoc and Santa Ynez Valley is sponsoring a quilt show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 29 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 30 in the Lompoc Veteran's Memorial Building at the end of South H Street. General admission is \$5. No strollers will be allowed in the area because of limited space. For information, call Judy Stevens at 733-2636.

The **California Avocado Festival** will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 in Carpinteria on Linden Avenue. For more information, call (805) 684-0038.

The Circle Bar B Dinner Theater presents the Neil Simon play, "**Rumors**" Sept. 29 through Nov. 11. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call (805) 965-9652 for information.

**30 SUN** There will be a **Hot Rod and Classic Car Show** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 30 at Chase Palm Park in Santa Barbara. Call (805) 967-8778 for more information.

**OCT 5 FRI** The **San Francisco Mime Troupe** will perform a look at urban redevelopment at 8 p.m. Oct. 5 in the University of California Campbell Hall. For more information, call (805) 893-3535.

Opening night of the **7 SUN Santa Barbara Symphony** will be held at 8 p.m. Oct. 7 and at 3 p.m. Oct. 8 in Arlington Theater, 1317 State Street. The concerts will feature works of Berstein, Cohen and Beethoven. For more information, call (805) 963-4408 or visit the website at [www.thesymphony.org](http://www.thesymphony.org).

**10 WED** The 12th annual Allan Hancock College **Ruth Malvarose Memorial Chili-Cookoff** is scheduled for Oct. 10 from noon to 1 p.m.

behind the music building on the Santa Maria Campus.

**13 SAT** The event is a fundraiser for the college's United Way campaign. For more information, call (805) 922-6966 or 1 (886) 342-5242, Ext. 3652.

The **Guadalupe Beach Festival and Indigenous People Celebration** is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 13 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 14 at Guadalupe Beach and Jack O'Connell Park on West Main Street. The event will include live music; cultural activities, a surfing, fishing and photo contest, a fun run and nature hikes. For information, call Ed Griggs at 343-2052.

**14 SUN** A **wine and food tasting festival** celebrating the harvest of Santa Barbara with live music, demonstrations, exhibits, and silent auction is scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 14 at Rancho Sisquoc Winery. For ticket and information call (800) 218-0881 or visit the website at [www.sbcountywines.com](http://www.sbcountywines.com).

**17 WED** "The Sound of Ecstasy, the Nectar of Enlightenment" will be performed by Korean Buddhist monks in the ancient ceremony of Yong San at 8 p.m. Oct. 17 on the University of California Santa Barbara campus in Campbell Hall. Call (805) 893-3535 for more information.

## CLASSES

**21 FRI** The aerospace education foundation is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to spouses of Air Force active duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve members. The scholarship can be used for any reasonable cost related to pursuing a degree. The deadline for applications is Nov. 1. Call the base education office at 605-5904 for eligibility requirements.

**24 MON** A **Financial Basics** class will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the family support center. People can learn financial management basics such as checkbook maintenance, credit spending, choosing a financial institution, credit pitfalls, financial terminology, and making paydays count. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration.

**25 TUE** A **Stress and Self Management** series begins at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the health and wellness center. People can learn effective communication techniques, relaxation training, positive lifestyle choices and how to minimize negative stress. For registration or information, call Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

An **Individual Transition Plan** session is offered every Tuesday morning from 8 to 9 a.m. except during the transition assistance seminar week. An **ITP** is required for military members scheduled to retire or separate at least 90 days before they leave the service. The mandatory counseling session consists of service member's benefits. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 for more information.

**26 WED** An **Interviewing and Dress for Success** class will take place at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the family support center. Participants can learn tips to dress for an interview or the workplace. Call Tinisha Agramonte at 605-8557 for registration information.

The health and wellness center has **weekly nutrition classes** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Topics include heart smart for cholesterol control, meal planning for diabetes, prenatal and child nutrition, and nutrition for health. For more information, call the HAWC at 606-2221.

A **Veteran's Administration** and California veterans home loan seminar will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the family support center. People can learn the veterans home loan application procedures and get information about the VA home loan guaranty application process. Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 for more information.

**28 FRI** An **Individual Retirement Accounts** workshop will be held at 11 a.m. Sept. 28 in the family support center. Participants can learn the differences between the traditional and Roth IRA's, and how to determine the best choice for them and their family. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration.

**OCT 9 FRI** The Allan Hancock College police Department is sponsoring the **North County Rape crisis and child protection center's self-defense workshop** at the college's Lompoc Valley Center physical fitness lab, building 3, room 116 from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 9. To sign up call (805) 922-6966 or 1 (886) 342-5242, Ext. 3652.

## MEETINGS

**26 WED** The **Single Parents Support Group** will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Pacific Coast Club. This informal support group meets to discuss issues or concerns regarding single parenting. For information, call Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

**26 WED** The **Santa Barbara County Search and Rescue Team** will hold a recruitment drive at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Buellton city council chambers behind the post office. The one-hour briefing is for people interested in joining the volunteer team. Call Tech. Sgt. Johnny Goldfuss at 606-0450.

The **National Society of Military Widows**, Central Coast Chapter 44, meets at 2 p.m. in the Retiree Activities Center the second Wednesday of each month. The center is located between the bowling center and the Four Season's store. Guest speakers will address issues on items of interest to widows and retirees. For more information, call 606-5474.

**Military retirees** meet at 1 p.m. in the retiree activities center on the third Thursday of the month. Upcoming events include James Raggio, CEO of Lompoc Healthcare District discussing healthcare issues at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 18 and **Retiree Appreciation Day** beginning at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 16 in the Pacific Coast Club.

**27 THUR** The **Hispanic Heritage Month** planning committee meets in the services center Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon. People do not have to be Hispanic to participate. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Mercedes Zamora at 605-2644 or Senior Airman Alexander Rodriguez at 606-1541, Ext. 3718.

The **Titan Toastmasters** meet from 4 to 5 p.m. every Thursday in the services center. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For information, call Loretta Williams at 605-3001 or Bruce Henderson at 606-1541, Ext. 3627.

## CHAPEL NOTES

**Catholic Worship Services:** Saturday at 5 p.m. in Chapel 2 Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Chapel 1 Daily Mass is Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.

Catholic religious education is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the religious education building.

Confirmation is 11:30 a.m. in the religious education chapel.

Youth confirmation is Sundays at 6 p.m. in the religious education chapel.

**Protestant Worship Services:** Contemporary Service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.

Traditional service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in Chapel 1.

Gospel service is Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.

Protestant religious education opportunities are as follows; Summer Sunday school is 10 a.m. in the religious education building.

The youth Believers in God seminars are scheduled for Sundays at 6 p.m. in the religious education building. For other faith groups or concerns, call the chapel at 606-7773.

**Catholic community bible study** is 7 p.m. Thursday in the religious education building. Call Deborah Cotey at 734-4202 for more information.

**Men's weekly bible study** is 6 a.m. Wednesday in the Breakers Dining Facility.

**The Vandenberg Officer's Christian Fellowship** meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 623 Aspen Street in main base housing. Anyone who is an officer and would like to be involved in fellowship and bible study with other base officers should plan on attending. Spouses are welcome also. People with questions, should call Col. Kenneth Van Sickle at 606-4315.

**The Protestant Women of the Chapel** invite all interested people to join them at 10 a.m. Thursdays in the religious education administration building for beginner quilting classes. For more information, call Lucille McLain at 733-2630.

Anyone interested in attending a **Gaither's Homecoming Concert** in Fresno, Calif. Oct. 25 should call Ch Husfelt at 606-5773 or e-mail him at [Michael.Husfelt@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:Michael.Husfelt@vandenberg.af.mil).

*For other faith groups or concerns, please contact the chapel staff at 6-5773.*

## AT THE MOVIES

**Today RUSH HOUR II** Starring Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan.

Hong Kong Inspector Lee and LAPD Detective Carter arrive in Hong Kong for a vacation. No sooner do they arrive, they are confronted with the biggest case of their careers. A bomb has exploded in the American Embassy killing two U.S. Customs agents who had been investigating a money smuggling ring. Rated PG-13 for action violence, language and some sexual material.

**Saturday PLANET OF THE APES** Starring Mark Wahlberg and Tim Roth.

In the year 2029, Astronaut Lee Davidson boards a Space Station for a routine reconnaissance mission. But an abrupt detour leaves him on a planet where talking apes rule over the human race. The race is on to reach a sacred temple within the planet's Forbidden Zone to discover the shocking secrets of mankind's past and the key to it's future. Rated PG-13, some sequences of action and violence.

**Sunday CLOSED**

*All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.*



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## GAME SCHEDULE

Monday 24 <u>Washington</u> vs. <u>Green Bay</u>	Nov. 19 <u>NY Giants</u> vs. <u>Minnesota</u>
Oct. 1 <u>San Francisco</u> vs. <u>NY Jets</u>	Nov. 26 <u>Tampa Bay</u> vs. <u>St. Louis</u>
Oct. 8 <u>St. Louis</u> vs. <u>Detroit</u>	Dec. 3 <u>Green Bay</u> vs. <u>Jacksonville</u>
Oct. 15 <u>Washington</u> vs. <u>Dallas</u>	Dec. 10 <u>Indianapolis</u> vs. <u>Miami</u>
Oct. 22 <u>Philadelphia</u> vs. <u>NY Giants</u>	Dec. 17 <u>St. Louis</u> vs. <u>New Orleans</u>
Oct. 29 <u>Tennessee</u> vs. <u>Pittsburgh</u>	Dec. 22 <u>Tennessee</u> vs. <u>Oakland</u>
Nov. 5 <u>Denver</u> vs. <u>Oakland</u>	Dec. 29 <u>Baltimore</u> vs. <u>Tampa Bay</u>
Nov. 12 <u>Baltimore</u> vs. <u>Tennessee</u>	

Call the Pacific Coast Club at 606-3330 for more information.

## Congratulations ATWIND WINNERS!



Here are the Vandenberg winners of this summer's AROUND the WORLD in NINETY DAYS online game!

- LARRY ROACH**  
*Active Duty*  
Vacation for 2/\$1,500
- BOB MANNING**  
*Civilian Employee*  
Mini Music System
- ROBERTA HALLS**  
*Civilian Employee*  
Compaq Computer System
- STEFANIE EDWARDS**  
*Family Member of Active Duty*  
\$2,000
- MIKE BLACKER**  
*Retired Military*  
Vacation for 2/\$1,000

## YOUTH SPORTS

**YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION** - for boys and girls K through 2<sup>nd</sup>, boys 3<sup>rd</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, through girls 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> will be held at the youth soccer field snack bar every Saturday, from Sept. 29 through Oct. 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: \$40 (\$35 for youth center members.) Call the youth center staff for information at 606-2152. (Pending sign ups, boys senior teams may be coed.)



## FITNESS CENTER

**AEROBIC PROGRAM**  
**SPECIALTY WORKSHOPS** -  
Saturday Intro to indoor cycling  
Sept. 29 Outdoor walking group

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS** -  
Friday Bench press competition  
Saturday 5-on-5 soccer tournament  
For more information, call the fitness center at 606-3833.

## GOLF

LADIES PRIORITY - Wednesday, 8:32 to 9:04 a.m.

## BOWLING

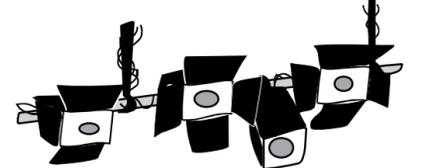
THUNDER ALLEY ROCK 300 every Friday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, 9 p.m. 'til Midnight. Cost: \$8 per person including shoes, \$6 for youth who are registered with the youth center.

## SWIMMING POOL

**SATURDAY SWIMMING LESSONS** - Register Friday or walk-in registration will be taken Saturday prior to start of classes. Classes run 4 weeks.  
Session I 10 to 10:40 a.m.  
Session II 10:45 to 11:25 a.m.  
Session III 11:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.  
For information, call 606-3581.

## VITT

**The Price is Right**  
TV Taping - October 24  
\$40 per person  
Transportation and guaranteed seating.  
For information, call Vandenberg Information  
Tickets & Tours at 606-7976



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The services center is looking for volunteers to help with the **VANDENBERG FAMILY & TEEN TALENT CONTEST!** If you would like to help out with backstage, lighting, sound, props, etc., please come to the organizational meeting at the Services Center on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**



## Pacific Coast Club



Current Members are Already Entered To Win!

## WIN CHOICE WHEELS!

10 winners get their choice of a Ford Ranger, Chevy Cavalier, Dodge Neon or cash!



Sign up 8 new members - get 6 months FREE dues! Large unit and small unit with the most new new members receives credit toward next party held at the Club!

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